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WORLD CUP PREDICTIONS


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RENSENBRINK HOLLAND**

WHO WILL WIN THE

'BRAZIL'S SKILL AND STEEL TO TRIUMPH'



EMLYN HUGHES
(Liverpool)

MY favourites to win through to the World Cup Second Round and eventually go on to win in the Final are the Brazilians. There is more steel in the Brazil side now as compared to their previous teams, but this doesn't alter the fact there is class and brilliance there as well.

And in conditions and the part of the world that suits them best, Brazil will come out on top — in fact, I can't really look past them as prospective winners. Not that it will be a one-horse race, because

Brazil number eight Zico attempts to bend the ball round the England defensive wall during the recent international friendly at Wembley. The game finished 1-1. Despite their rough tactics Brazil still remain World Cup favourites.



there will be strong opposition from other sides, such as Argentina and Holland, with Scotland an outside bet.

Yet although the Italians should also be at home in the conditions over there, I can't rate them as a big threat to Brazil, especially since their match against England at Wembley. They failed to impress me there, and I don't think they will be one of the outstanding teams in Argentina.

But I do feel Argentina will make a strong bid, though I doubt very much whether they have the talent available to upset the Brazilians, even with Argentina having the advantage of being the host country. And among the European

countries, I would nominate Holland as possessing players of real ability, who are good enough to acquit themselves well under the circumstances.

About Scotland, I think they do have a chance, but I wouldn't like to put it any higher than that. They have talent and perseverance, and I know they will go to South America determined to give everything they have, but I don't think it will be enough to carry them through to a win in the Final.

About the sort of World Cup we can look forward to, I think there will be a lot of skill and excitement in Argentina, and I expect the playing conditions to be tip-top. With only a limited number of games

being played annually on these pitches, the surfaces should help the teams serve up world class entertainment. We should see some great soccer.

I don't imagine there will be a tremendous difference between the 1978 World Cup, and that of four years ago, when West Germany lifted the trophy. I look to different winners, as I said, and in addition I anticipate the tournament will vary from the last only in the names of the star players it will throw up — this time there will not be a Lato, Beckenbauer or Cruyff in action. And once again, the competition will generate world wide interest — in this respect, 1978 will be the same as 1974.

'SCOTS MUST WATCH THEIR AGGRESSION'



DAVID MILLS
(Middlesbrough)

BRASIL, Argentina, Italy and Scotland are teams I fancy to be in the last eight in the World Cup — and of this selection, I favour Brazil to emerge as winners in the Final.

Admittedly, Brazil were not impressive at Wembley against England, but in their own environment they will be a vastly different proposition. In every Brazilian side, there is always a certain amount of class and sheer footballing ability, added to a great confidence which can make them tough opponents.

And running Brazil a close second, in my view, will be Argentina, helped by the fact they are the host country. Both these teams will be fighting to prove the supremacy of South



Rene Houseman on the ball for Argentina against Scotland. David Mills believes the Scots have got to match the South Americans in every department of the game if they are to stand any chance of success.

American football over European, and both of them are tactically sound at their best.

All of this means my two European choices, Italy and Scotland, must be able to match the South Americans at every department of the game. Italy has its share of ball-players, combined with those who can play a physical game — and the Scots have three or four world-class men in their very strong squad.

Also, Italy and Scotland have aggressive qualities which can spill over in a match, but if these qualities are harnessed correctly, the Scots and Italians can go far. But the holders, West Germany, I have to rule out, as they are in a transitional stage where they are trying to build up a world-beating side. Meanwhile, I believe the Germans have too many problems to make a big impact this time.

On the subject of what sort of World Cup it

will be, I think the conditions in South America will make the tournament very competitive. While South Americans may not find it easy to play at their best in European conditions, I feel it is even harder for Europeans to adjust to those existing in Argentina. But the sheer competitiveness of the tournament should make it fascinating to watch.

What will make the 1978 World Cup different to the 1974 will be the Latin fans — they are very volatile, and their support for their home teams may be strong enough to sway officials and influence them into making wrong decisions. In the England-Brazil match at Wembley, the referee decided against sending players off when it seemed this was the action to take — if this happens in Argentina it could be disastrous. But pre-match discussions by officials can prevent this.

WORLD CUP?

SHOOT asked four top English stars to take a closer look at the tournament

'SOUTH AMERICAN TEAMS COULD DOMINATE'



JOHN RICHARDS
(Wolves)

The Peru national side line-up before a recent game.



I EXPECT the South American teams to make the biggest impact in this year's World Cup, and along with Argentina in the Second Round I believe Brazil and Peru will serve up some impressive football. I don't think the holders, West Germany will shine, nor Holland, yet I've a sneaking fancy France will do well among the other European sides, but Scotland will find it hard going to qualify.

About my views on Scotland — it's not so much I find fault with the squad chosen by Ally MacLeod. It has no real surprises, and even in the case of Andy Gray's non-selection, the doubt is concerning his fitness more than his

ability. And in Argentina, the fierce competition will demand using players who are 100 per cent fit. Yet even with the Scots in peak condition, I think the conditions will be all against them showing their best form.

Of course, a Scottish side is always boosted by patriotic feelings and the tremendous support of their loyal fans. And in the attack, there is Derek Johnstone, who will certainly worry opposing defences with his goalscoring ability — also, Joe Jordan, who plays better than ever once he dons a Scotland jersey. But in the completely different climate of South America, I don't fancy their chances.

Brazil, who decided to be tough after being "clogged" in previous World Cup-ties, still demonstrated at Wembley against England that they are capable of brilliance. And Peru have typical South American skills which they can parade best on their own territory.

As to what sort of World Cup it will be, the signs point to possible outbreaks of violence. In Argentina, the Latin temperament has to be taken into account — and among the European teams, the Italians, who are Latins, might be a problem. The Scots, too, can be temperamental, but in spite of indications that trouble will flare up over there, I am more inclined to take the view common sense will prevail. The good name of football is at stake, and I think consideration for this will over-ride everything else. So the spectators should be treated to some high-class soccer.

I think this will be a different World Cup to that of 1974. In Europe four years ago there was rain and some muddy pitches to contend with — but in Argentina there will be hard playing surfaces and a change in the pace of the game. The South American sides will play the slower, more relaxed type of football which comes naturally to them, in contrast to the quicker type of soccer called for in Europe's colder climate.

Last time there were fears of explosive ties, but the referees stamped their authority on the competition from the first game and there were very few nasty incidents in the entire tournament. I hope for soccer's sake the same happens this year in Argentina. The World Cup sets the pattern for soccer, so we must see football winning through.

'YOU CAN'T WRITE OFF WEST GERMANY'



ANDY KING
(Everton)

West Germany captain Franz Beckenbauer shows off the World Cup in 1974.



AMONG the teams I expect to see reaching the Second Round of the World Cup this year are Holland, West Germany, Scotland and Argentina. The Dutch are a side I admire, because they combine the qualities of style and flair I like to see in a team — and one of their great assets is that of being able to come from behind and score goals against any opposition.

West Germany, in spite of not being too impressive in past months, can still never be written off when it comes down to a tour-

namment of this sort. They have the temperament for the occasion and their tactics are good. But I wouldn't be surprised if Scotland reached the Final — they have a blend of talent and determination that will test any side. Yet I was surprised Andy Gray and George

Wood were left out of the Scottish squad. The ball in the air is one that troubles foreign teams, and Andy Gray alongside Joe Jordan, plus a winger like Willie Johnston or John Robertson supplying the crosses, would have been a terrific combination and likely to get

goals. But I'll still tip Scotland to do well. Lastly, as the hosts, Argentina must have a chance.

What sort of World Cup will it be? I think a lot will depend on how the referees handle it, and there could be rough-house tactics of the sort Brazil used against England at Wembley. On the other hand, Brazil may be more relaxed in their own part of the world — and if referees make it plain they won't tolerate violence and the players co-operate, there could be plenty of good football and exciting games.

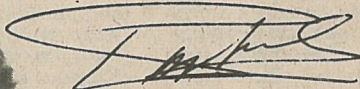
I believe this year's World Cup will differ from the last in the sense that in 1978, it will be the result that counts, more than the entertainment. Which means the side with the most footballing skills will need something else as well, such as a certain amount of steel in their make up.

Yet along with ability on the field, it will be a matter of approach and the right sort of thinking, more so than in 1978. In the pressure-cooker atmosphere of Argentina, nerves are going to be stretched more than they were four years ago, and temperament will be a deciding factor. In this respect, the Scottish players will have to be careful not to lose their poise, whatever the circumstances.

Robbie Rensenbrink HOLLAND

FULL NAME: Pieter Robert Rensenbrink
BIRTHPLACE: Amsterdam
BIRTHDATE: July 3rd, 1947
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 11st 10lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: O.S.V., D.W.S. (in Holland), FC Bruges (in Belgium); now Anderlecht
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: Two
CAR: Citroen 2400
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Real Madrid
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Bert Vogts
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: When we beat West Ham in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final, 1976
BIGGEST THRILL: Beating Belgium to ensure qualification for the '78 World Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the '74 World Cup Final
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese

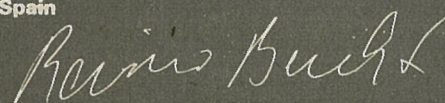
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Relaxing
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Studio Sport
FAVOURITE SINGER: Frank Sinatra
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Paul Newman
BEST FRIEND: I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Myself
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing the World Cup!
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: A good job when I retire
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the World Cup
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A carpenter
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? President Sadat of Egypt




Rainer Bonhof WEST GERMANY

FULL NAME: Rainer Bonhof
BIRTHPLACE: Emmerich
BIRTHDATE: March 29th, 1952
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 11st 12lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Emmerich 09, now Borussia Monchengladbach
MARRIED: No
CAR: Daimler Benz
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Bert Vogts
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS: AC Milan
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1974 World Cup Final
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the World Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Beating Inter Milan 7-1 in the European Cup a few years ago, only for U.E.F.A. to rule the game had to be played again — and we only draw. Also, a European Cup-tie against Real in Madrid when we scored two perfectly good goals but had them disallowed. This cost us the tie
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain

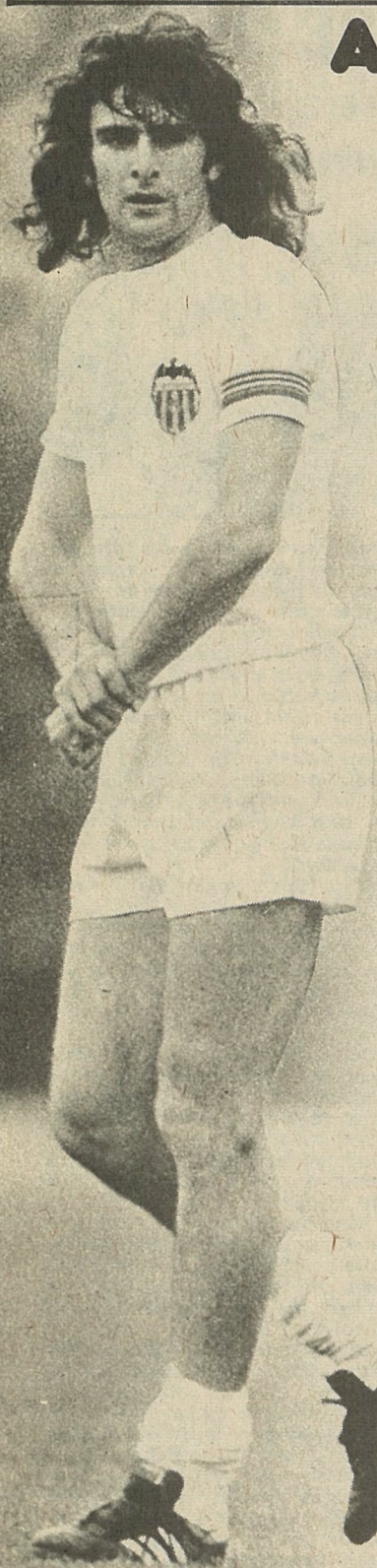
FAVOURITE FOOD: Most things healthy
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Being healthy
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: War
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Shirley Bassey
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Barbra Streisand, Helen Reddy
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Dustin Hoffman
BEST FRIEND: Bert Vogts
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Borussia's former manager Hennes Weisweiler
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Everything is O.K.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Five junior caps, just under 40 full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay healthy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: A long career
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Car mechanic
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? John Wayne



CUP SUPERSTARS

Mario Kempes

ARGENTINA



FULL NAME: Mario Alberto Kempes
BIRTHPLACE: Bell Ville (Córdoba)
BIRTHDATE: July 15th, 1954
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 12st 1lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Platense, Talleres Bell Ville, Bell, Instituto de Córdoba, Rosario Central, now Valencia in Spain
MARRIED: No
CAR: Renault R12
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Pele, Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Müller
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: At the moment, 1.FC Cologne, but before I would have said Bayern Munich
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Two tight-marking specialists in Spain, Real Madrid's Camacho, and Atlético's Marcelino
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: U.S.S.R. v Argentina in Kiev. We won 1-0 and I scored the goal
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing for Valencia
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: I haven't had any!
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian dishes, particularly the pastas
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Cinema, reading
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Talking about football on my day off!
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Films, particularly westerns
FAVOURITE SINGERS: I like music, but I pay more attention to the song rather than the singer
FAVOURITE ACTORS: The same. I like good films, whoever's in them
BEST FRIENDS: My fellow Argentinians in the Valencia team, Felman and Valdez. And a lot of childhood friends in Córdoba
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family, they've been marvellous, particularly my father
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 26 caps with Argentina
PERSONAL AMBITION: Always to have my family with me and to be able to look after them in the way they deserve
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: In chronological order; to win the Spanish title with Valencia, and then to win the World Cup with Argentina
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I studied economics before becoming a full-time professional, so I think something in that line
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? No one in particular. "Personalities" aren't too important to me

Rivelino

BRAZIL

FULL NAME: Roberto Rivelino
BIRTHPLACE: São Paulo
BIRTHDATE: January 1st, 1946
HEIGHT: 5ft 7ins
WEIGHT: 11st 3lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Corinthians; now Fluminense
MARRIED: To Maisa
CHILDREN: Roberta, Marcio, Rodrigo
CAR: Volkswagen Brasília
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Palmeiras
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Many, but I think Billy Bremner was the hardest
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Brazil 4, Italy 1 in the 1970 World Cup Final
BIGGEST THRILL: Being World Champions
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the São Paulo Championship in 1974 while with Corinthians
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy
FAVOURITE FOOD: Black beans with rice (Brazilian speciality)
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: My wife and children
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Insincere, false people

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Films
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Frank Sinatra, Roberto Carlos
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson, Claudia Cardinale
BEST FRIEND: My father
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Over 110 caps for Brazil
PERSONAL AMBITION: To live a quiet and healthy life when I retire
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the World Cup in Argentina
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? If I could start everything again, I would still choose to be a footballer
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali





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'THIS IS OUR VITAL GAME' insists Peru manager Marcos Calderón



Scotland (dark shirt) must beware of their aggression against Peru.

PERU manager Marcos Calderón reckons this is the match in Group Four. "Neither Ally MacLeod nor I," he reasons, "can be sure of taking points off Holland. On the other hand, both of us are confident of beating Iran. That means this is the vital match for both teams."

Calderón, of course, is confident his team can conquer the Tartan Army, but most objective critics tip Scotland to win this one.

Peru's build-up to the World Cup could hardly have been worse. There was an interminable delay before Calderón was confirmed as manager. Veteran captain, Julio Leléndez, was ruled out due to a knee injury. Ace striker Sotil was sidelined with a ligament operation.

There were serious problems in repatriating right-flank striker Muñante from Mexico. A ten-match tour of Europe had to be called off for financial reasons. The team fared indifferently in a series

of games against Argentinian club sides, with only midfielder Cubillas regularly getting his name on the scoresheet. Argentina beat them convincingly both home and away, the only positive note being one good goal by left-winger Oblitas.

One of Peru's major problems is that, unlike Brazil and Argentina, they've lagged behind in blending European standards of physical fitness into their traditional style of play. Several of the team, such as "Cachito" Ramírez, Teófilo Cubillas, "Cholo" Sotil and new captain Héctor Chumpitaz, are veterans of the 1970 World Cup, and are all in their 30's.

Calderón claims their presence makes an ideal blend of youth and experience, but critics fear Scotland, Holland and even Iran will simply run the legs off them.

Peru favour a 4-3-3 formation, with Argentinian-born Quiroga in goal. Navarro, Soria, Chumpitaz and Díaz normally form the back-four, though many critics favour the inclusion of the lanky Legula to combat Scotland's aerial experts. Cubillas is the key man in midfield, with Rojas and Velázquez alongside him.

Calderón has several options for the front three, though Muñante, Ramírez and Oblitas seem to be the best permutation.

On the face of it, Peru are not world-beaters, and Scotland will start as firm favourites. But there's no room for complacency because, in spite of their shortcomings, Peru have some outstanding ball-players.

Scotland may outpoint them on overall team effort, but individuals like Oblitas and Muñante are always dangerous, and midfielder Cubillas (repeatedly voted South American Player of the Year) specialises in scoring vital goals.

The Scots must also face the fact the crowd is sure to be on the South Americans' side.

Scotland must win this one, but it won't be that easy...

'SCOTLAND WILL WIN IN THE AIR' says Joey Jones of Wales

IRAN? "They'll be no bother for Scotland in the World Cup Finals." That is the confident prediction of Liverpool left-back Joey Jones who played against both countries last season — first in that Wales v Scotland World Cup decider at Anfield and then in an Argentina warm-up match against shock qualifiers Iran, the Asian Champions.

"They gave us some trouble for the first 20 minutes but that's about as much as you can say for them," says the popular fast talking defender. "We beat them 1-0 but it could easily have been four."

But what about those opening 20 minutes when Iran had the experienced and highly rated Welsh side back-peddling into defence? "Remember they were playing on their own pitch in



problem. I think Iran's greatest problem comes when they fall behind: then they seem unable to get to grips with the situation.

"Their outside-left, Edil Khani, was a very useful player. Quick to make use of any space that opened up, powerful in his shooting, and clever in his control — but as the game went further and further away from Iran, he seemed to fade badly. In the end, he was taken off."

"He wasn't the only player guilty on that count and that kind of attitude isn't going to help them in Argentina."

"The Scots might have some problems from Iran's right-back, Nazali. He loves going forward on the overlap and knows what he's about. We countered that threat by tying him up with Mickey Thomas and that was the end of him."

Jones rated Iran's biggest weakness as "their lack of competitive challenge in the air". That is why he is so confident the Scots will sweep aside Iran — "because can you imagine how on earth they are going to cope with someone like Joe Jordan?"

"And, of course, Joe is going to be only one of their headaches. My mate from Liverpool, Kenny Dalglish, will be using his fantastic skill on the ground to cut in and out of their defence."

Iran, like all the oil-rich countries of the Middle East, have spent the kind of money other nations dream about to equip themselves with a passport to the World Cup Finals. Jones believes their trip to South America will be little more than a flying visit and adds: "We played in Kuwait earlier this season and, although they failed to reach Argentina from the same group as Iran, they gave us a much harder fight and held us to a draw. The Scots need have no sleepless nights about facing Iran."



Iran in action against Australia during their World Cup qualifying tie.

Tehran and you expect a home side to come at you thick and fast in any game," says Joey.

"Then we took hold of the game and it wasn't until the final minutes they managed to create a scoring chance — which they failed to take."

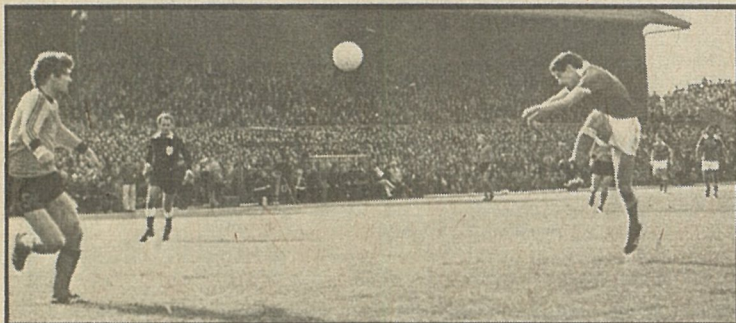
"Going forward in the early stages, they looked quick on the break through the middle with Sordegi and Ghassenpour going well but the Scots have plenty of experience to handle that kind of

Peru (white shirts with band) under pressure from Argentina.



Scotland's Round ties

**'HOLLAND WON'T
TROUBLE ALLY'S ARMY'
N. Ireland's Sammy McIlroy**



Northern Ireland's Martin O'Neill narrowly misses with a shot v. Holland.

MANCHESTER United's brilliant Sammy McIlroy does not have the slightest doubt: 1974 World Cup Finalists Holland "will give Ally's Army no trouble at all in Argentina."

It seems a bold forecast, but Sammy speaks from the background of two fine Northern Ireland performances against Holland in qualifying group matches. "We drew 2-2 in Holland and should have won: they beat us 1-0 in Belfast with a breakaway goal after we had done all the attacking."

Insists the Old Trafford attacking midfield star: "Let's be honest about it — the Dutch are nothing like as good as they were. Most of the players are four years older than they were in the 1974 Finals and the squad has not changed that much."

"Johan Cruyff is the man they simply cannot afford to be without. In fact, he didn't do that much against us in Belfast . . . but when he went off injured the Dutch were even worse! They didn't seem to have an idea without him up-front."

Sammy admits to being a great admirer of the "total football" concept of Holland, but says: "They don't keep the ball as well as they did in 1974. Moves build up more slowly these days; the old lightning attacks that stripped defences bare come seldom now. "Inevitably, the moves break down and that throws the Dutch off balance."

"In attacking terms, I would say the only player whom Scotland must really worry about is Rob Rensenbrink. He is really something special and his control and pace make him a tremendous player. If the Dutch do get into their stride, I should imagine Arie Haan can still work effectively in



midfield — but that's about it as far as I'm concerned.

"Whereas the Dutch have gone back, Scotland have come on by miles. I reckon they are taking one of the best squads of any nation to the Finals. I believe my teammates at United, Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen, could have a field day against Holland."

"Jan Jongbloed was in goal against us and I was surprised by the way he either dropped shots or parried them. He played in all Holland's games in the 1974 Finals and if he is still first choice — and in this kind of form — Joe will be in on him like a flash."

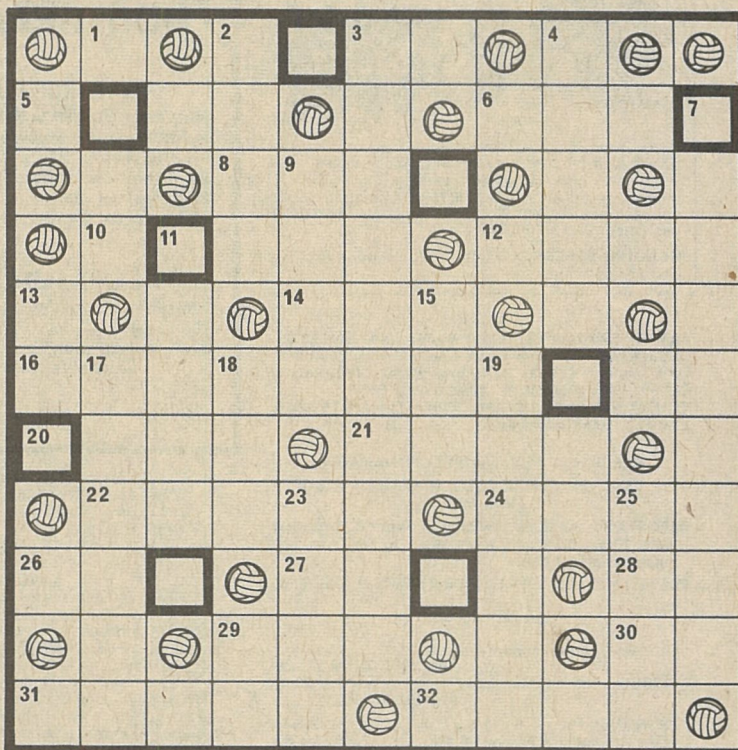
"That goes even more for the set-pieces when he'll have Joe AND Gordon to worry him. Having two such big, powerful men to watch — especially when you think about how good they are in the air from corners and free-kicks — is more than enough to give him sleepless nights."

"Then, of course, Scotland have Kenny Dalglish who is so quick around the box on anything that is running loose."

"There is just too much talent, experience and competitive determination in this Scotland side for Holland to rattle them."

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Arsenal player. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:

- (2) — Lane, home of Bury.
- (5) Sometimes a — transfer may be given to players wishing to change their club.
- (6) --otha--rescent (York City). Search thoroughly from the omissions.
- (8) — MacLeod. Scotland team-manager.
- (10) -h--lt-n Ath-etic from The Valley.
- (12) -c-ilvie- P-rk (Stenhousemuir). Horse command from the missing letters.
- (14) By way of.
- (16) Home of Dunfermline Athletic (4, 3, 4)
- (20) A result giving neither team victory.
- (21) The soccer one is eight feet high.
- (22) Bruce —, Derby midfield player.
- (24) Take four letters from Feethams Ground for a bill of fare.
- (26) Eric St---e, Brighton 'keeper.
- (27) Frank ----ard of West Ham United.
- (28) Terry Y--ath of Coventry City.
- (29) — Forsyth, defender with Glasgow Rangers.
- (30) Paul J--es of Bolton Wanderers.
- (31) Remained firm or valid . . . as the ref's decision after an objection.
- (32) Som---on Par- (Newport County). Journey from the omissions.

DOWN:

- (1) — Gates of Ipswich Town.
- (2) Take four letters from Rangers to give "kit".
- (3) English Third Division club originally called New Brompton.
- (4) English Fourth Division club from Spotland.
- (7) — Rovers; English Division Two club from Ewood Park.
- (9) — Street, ground of St. Mirren.
- (11) "Animal" from Don M---on (Derby) and "trouble" from Ian B---ey (Blackburn) combine to give "attack".
- (13) -r-ntfor- from Griffin Park, London.
- (15) Me---w Lane home of Notts County.
- (17) Stop . . . or apprehend!
- (18) Bury have won the F.A. Cup on — occasions.
- (19) --l---ston -ark (Queen of the South). "Over-indulge" from the omissions.
- (23) Lump of earth . . . perhaps kicked up by someone's boot.
- (25) Take four letters from Goodison Park for a recess.
- (29) John Ri-s-n of Bolton.

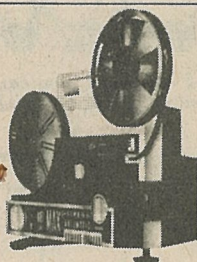
20 WORLD CUP FOOTBALLS TO BE WON

Last week SHOOT gave readers the chance to win a Tango World Cup football manufactured by Adidas in a free-to-enter competition. Unfortunately the address to send entries was left off.

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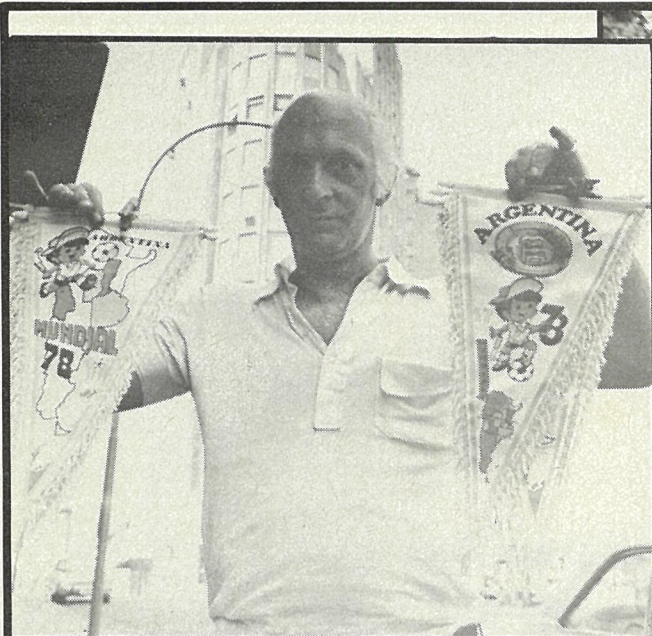
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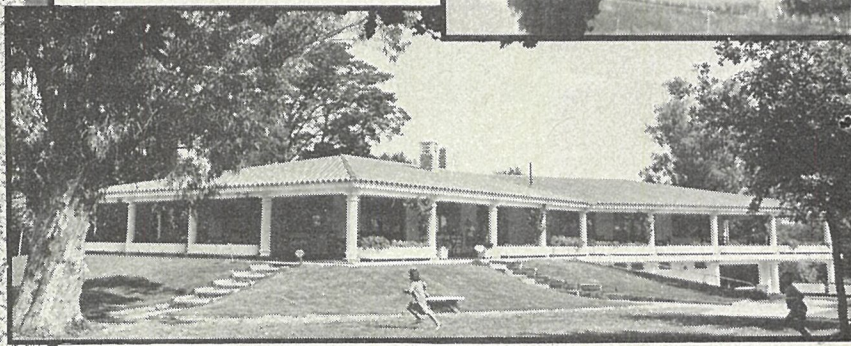
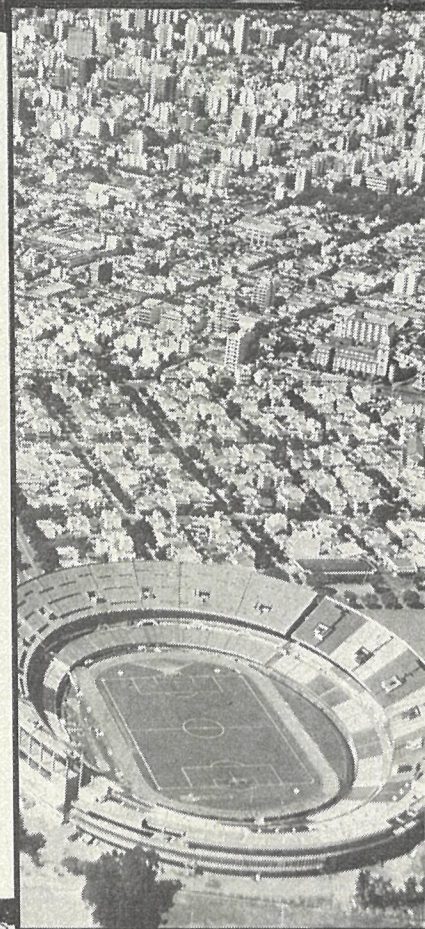
TOP LEFT . . . A World Cup souvenir seller. Business in Argentina has been good!

TOP RIGHT . . . These young fans set the atmosphere for soccer's Number One competition. Let's hope the soccer has plenty of rhythm, too!

LEFT . . . West Germany manager Helmut Schoen is guarded by an Argentinian soldier. Sadly, because of the threat of terrorists, strict security is now essential at all top sporting events.

RIGHT . . . A bird's eye view of the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires. Argentina will play all their First Round games here and on June 25th the Final will be staged in the refurbished ground.

BELOW . . . Soccer seems a long way away, but this is where the West German squad is staying.



**DAVID
ARMSTRONG**
Middlesbrough



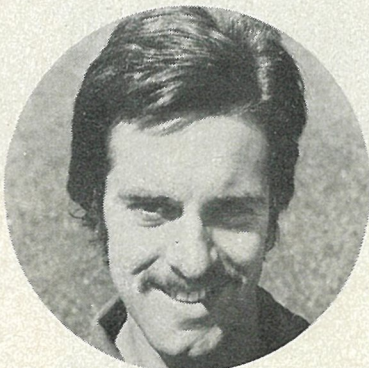
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Roy Aitken of Celtic (left)
and Hibernian's Tony
Higgins in action.

SHOOT!

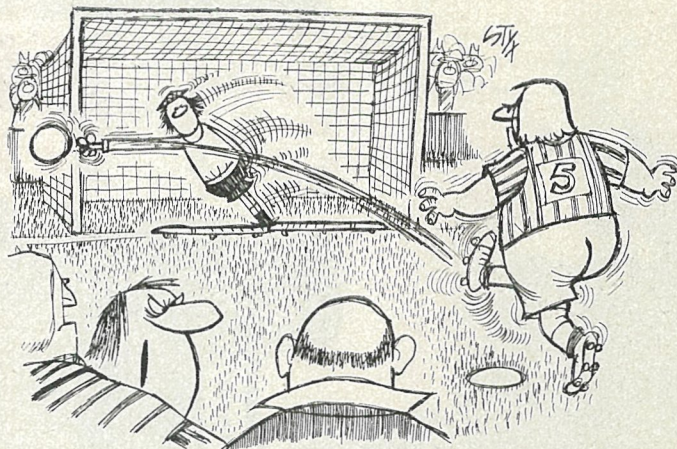
FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Brighton 'keeper ERIC STEELE selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Here's the transfer you keep pestering me for — you soak it in water — stick it on your arm — peel it off — and it leaves a pretty little picture"



"I'd like to make an official protest about the boots their goalie's wearing"



TREVOR BROOKING
(West Ham United)



'YOU CAN BET ON KENNY DALGLISH'

IT'S time for the talking to stop . . . time for the action to begin. The tournament we have dreamed, talked, argued and written about is under way and Scotland are in there battling for the most famous prize in sport.

The World Cup, when you peel off the glitter, it's all about players. And despite the fact guys like George Best had little chance of ever playing in the Finals because they play for weak soccer nations, it is usually about the best players in the world.

And Scotland manger Ally MacLeod has picked a pool of 22 to match the best any country has to offer.

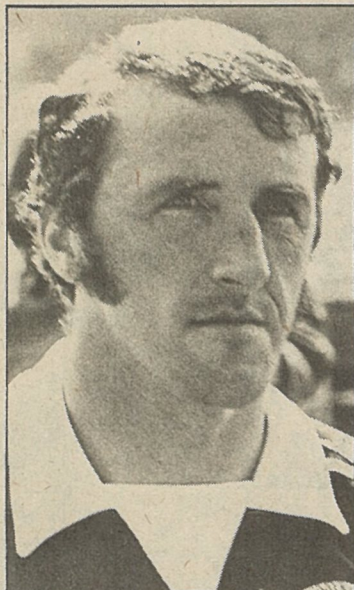
The squad was eminently predictable, with perhaps, the exception of Aston Villa's Andy Gray. In the opinion of many people North and South of the border my fellow SHOOT columnist should have been included, but it seems that writing for this magazine has put a jinx on both our World Cup hopes!

But there is no point in upsetting Scotland's plans. I doubt whether any two people would have chosen the same squad and Ally MacLeod didn't do such a bad old job if people only fall out with him over one selection.

I like the look of the party and I'm not surprising anyone when I send the best of luck to them all . . . with particular good wishes to Stewart Kennedy of Aberdeen, who looks like filling the place I might have had if my physical condition had been just a shade healthier.

People ask me how I'll feel watch-

Tartan Talk DANNY McGRAIN



Kenny Dalglish (below, left) does it again by scoring the winning goal against England at Wembley in the British Championship last year.

ing Scotland out there knowing I could have been in there fighting with the lads.

Well, it won't upset me too much. Obviously there is no way I can stand completely detached from it all, but I made my decision two months ago and I stand by it.

I'm not a great "what might have been" merchant and if there are any spotlights to be turned on, then they should shine on the 22 boys who are out there doing it for Scotland.

When they come to tell the story of the 1978 World Cup Danny McGrain's name will rate only the briefest of mentions.

Mind you, don't get the impression I'm not interested at all in this Argentina affair!

My eyes as much as anyone's will be glued to the set to watch the greatest show on earth. They are calling it the game of the century on the BBC and I'm not surprised.

No Johan Cruyff maybe, but just look at the list of superstars who will become household names to people who hardly know what off-side is.

Roberto Rivelino of Brazil, arrogant and skilled, will be a premier name, despite the performance of his side against England at Wembley.

And one I haven't seen mentioned in many places is Spanish star Santillana. Spain may be one of the surprise sides of this tournament and the Real Madrid man may be one of the lesser known players who may provide some magic.

But if you are looking for a name

to become internationally famous, and I mean on the highest of levels, look no further than Kenny Dalglish.

European and World Cup Finals are common occurrence to my old mate now . . . and he is still a lad of 27!

I notice one major bookmaker is offering odds of 100-1 against Kenny scoring ten goals in Argentina.

When you consider Scotland have Iran in the group and the fact Kenny was a scoring sensation in his first season in England, that seems like a good bet to me.

I fancy a few guys who have watched Kenny stick them away will be investing some hard-earned pence on that one.

It is no secret I regard the former Celtic skipper as the best player in the world, but in the absence of Johan Cruyff in Argentina — the guy generally given the "world's best" title — I am backing Kenny to set the rest of the world in my way of thinking.

No doubt about it no matter what the weather is like, it's going to be flaming June anyway! The World Cup will sizzle from start to finish.

The eyes of the world will be on our sport. I hope no one lets the game down, for no player is greater than football itself.

To all countries I say let's have a great tournament . . . as great as the finest of all in Mexico in 1970.

To the English fans I say don't be jealous! We really don't mind if you get behind us and support Scotland. After all, everyone North of the border was rooting for Mac-Liverpool in the European Cup Final.

There won't be another football month like this one for four years . . . so make the most of it.

And to Ally MacLeod I give one reminder. You said I would be the first to hold the World Cup when you bring it back to Scotland.

I'll be waiting!

See you in two World Cup weeks.

Danny McGrain



**NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
SKIPPER JOHN GREIG**

SO far I've achieved many of my ambitions in football, but the one now top of my list — having won so many honours at club level with Liverpool — is to play for England in a World Cup Final.

There's no denying I was bitterly disappointed when we failed to qualify for Argentina.

Luckily I still have hopes of helping England to qualify for the next Finals, to be held in Spain in 1982.

By then I shall be 32, not too old for a goalkeeper. In fact, if I follow Gordon Banks' example, I shall be in my prime.

Gordon was only about a year younger when he made probably the greatest save of his life, against Pele of Brazil, in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

And right now the signs of looking good for England. Under manager Ron Greenwood, team spirit and confidence are building up after encouraging results in recent friendlies against top-class opposition.

I fancy our chances of doing well in the next European Championship, even winning it for the first time.

I should imagine many of the present Finalists are a bit apprehensive about playing in Argentina, owing to the strict security imposed by political unrest. I had personal experience of it with England in the close season last year when we were based in Argentina for five days.

Everywhere we were heavily guarded. And when we left our hotel for a stroll, we were advised to go in threes and fours, shadowed by armed guardians.

No Sign

Troops in cars and four police motorcyclists accompanied us when we drove to our training ground and to matches. After drawing 1-1 with Argentina, we went across the River Plate for our game with Uruguay, which we also drew, 0-0, and returned to Buenos Aires.

However, we saw no sign of the urban guerillas, and I can only hope they remain inactive during the Finals.

A European team has yet to win the World Cup in a South American country, but I believe it could happen this time. The Finals take place in the Argentinian winter, which means the weather will suit Europeans as there are no altitude problems as in Mexico, where venues were as high as 9,000 feet above sea level and the air was agonisingly thin.

The stadiums, all specially built or modernised for the finals, look marvellous, as far as accommodation and facilities go, but there may be some doubt about the pitches. It can take years for a pitch to settle down and reach international standard — and one has already been relaid because a groundsman mistakenly sprayed it with sea water, which turned the green grass black!

But it's the oppressive security that may upset players most, and prevent them from giving their best.

Looking through the wallchart

'The ambition I've yet to achieve'

Stuart Pearson (dark shirt) scores for England against Argentina.



'Against England, Argentina were not impressive'

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

SHOOT sent me, and studying the groups, it's going to be one of the most fascinating Finals ever.

If England had qualified, we would have found ourselves in the most difficult group: Group One, which contains Argentina, Hungary and France.

Argentina, as host nation, gain automatic qualification, which might prove a mixed blessing. For although they have been free of pressure, their preparation has suffered without the competitive matches that develop team-work.

When we played them on their soil last year, they were not particularly impressive, and we dominated the game for long periods. I felt they missed the skill and experience of the Argentinians serving with European clubs. Such as Osvaldo Piazza, with St-Etienne; Ruben Ayala, with Atletico Madrid; and

Mario Kempes, with Valencia.

They will be considerably stronger if these players are recalled to duty for their country.

France have some great players, but the big question mark is: can they blend in with the rest of the players and create an effective team?

When my Liverpool team-mate Steve Heighway played for the Republic of Ireland against France in qualifying matches, he was impressed with the individual skills of Rocheteau and Bathenay.

Italy, the team that knocked us out of the competition, beating us on goal-difference, are not as strong as they would like, having several old players past their best. Goalkeeper Dino Zoff, and Romeo Benetti have come in for criticism from their Press.

Their temperament is very sus-



'The Italians have come in for criticism'



pect, as they showed at Wembley, when we beat them 2-0, and they are notoriously bad travellers.

Hungary, who surprisingly got through at the expense of Russia, are at the time of writing an unknown quantity to me, but I shall be more qualified to assess their chances of reaching the Quarter-Finals after England have played them at Wembley on May 24th.

Argentina and Italy are the favourites to make progress. I wouldn't risk money on them, though.

Group Two looks cut and dried for World Cup holders West Ger-

many and Poland.

Without Franz Beckenbauer, whom the Cosmos refused to release, West Germany have had trouble fielding a settled team, and are not as powerful a force as in 1974.

Poland, who eliminated England in the qualifying round in 1974 and went on to finish third in the Finals, are a side who depend on getting off to a good start.

Tunisia, who make up the group, I regard as being the equivalent of Zaire in 1974, and the other teams will be out to pile in goals against

them to enhance their goal-difference.

Mexico, judging by their goals against, seem a very defensive side.

So for me it must be West Germany and Poland to take the top two places in the table.

Like Group One, Group Three is very evenly-balanced and difficult to make forecasts about.

Brazil, the favourites to capture the Cup, have so many things on their side. A tradition second-to-none, being three-times winners of the competition, ball-players of incredible ability, and thousands of loyal fans who'll follow them.

It'll be a tragedy if they reproduce the ugly side of their soccer, as they did at Wembley, and instead of showing their spectacular, match-winning skills, resort to over-physical, strongarm methods.

Spain did well to qualify, and play good football, but lack experience.

Both Austria and Sweden are dark horses capable of springing surprises and confounding the experts.

The Austrians qualified instead of East Germany, the only side to beat West Germany in the previous Finals.

A good result in their opening match will give them the confidence to continue to do well.

Sweden are even more dangerous. Very underrated, they always seem to reach the Finals and make a big impact. In 1974 only the inability to take goal-chances prevented them from reaching the Final.

And on the night of England's draw with Brazil, they were quietly and efficiently crushing West Germany by 3-1 in a friendly.

The only near-certainty in this group is Brazil.

Bearing in mind I'm not the greatest forecaster in the world, I feel confident of Scotland and Holland emerging from Group Four.

The Scots have their most settled side for years, and I've a sneaky suspicion they'll reach the last four at least.

Holland, who gave England a football lesson when they demolished us at Wembley in 1977 by 2-0, are the finest side I've played against in the past 18 months.

The loss of Johan Cruyff, however, damages their prospects of becoming World Champions.

Peru and Iran, like Tunisia, are possible chopping blocks, who finish with far more goals-against than goals-for.

It's hard for me to reconcile myself to the fact players from nations strictly "Second Division" internationally should be in Argentina.

I console myself with the thought I'll still be part of "The Greatest soccer show on earth" by acting as a TV commentator.

Ray Clemence

Keeping it in the family

Has a father and son ever played for the same team in a major League game since the War?

PETE WILKINSON, BEESTON

● Yes, Pete, but obviously not often. In fact, I can trace only a couple of instances in major football.

There was Alec and David Herd — the latter later playing for Arsenal and Manchester United (two League Championship and one F.A. Cup-winners' medal), and gaining five full Scottish caps — for Stockport v. Hargatepool on 5th May, 1951.

Then, in the 1954-55 season, a former England international in George Eastham senior — and one to come in George Eastham junior — regularly filled the inside-forward positions for Ards in the Irish League.

Wembley draw

As a keen Chelsea fan, I'd like to know the side which won the F.A. Cup in 1970, and the scorers?

JONATHAN CROSSLEY, KENDAL

● This is the line-up — the same as in the original 2-2 Wembley draw — which beat Leeds 2-1 after extra-time in the Old Trafford replay, Jonathan: Bonetti, Harris, McCreadie, Hollins, Dempsey, Webb, Baldwin, Cooke, Osgood, Hutchinson, and Houseman.

Hinton came on as sub in both games — in the first for Harris, and in the replay for Osgood.

Chelsea's scorers were Houseman and Hutchinson at Wembley; and Osgood and Webb at Old Trafford.

Ancient glory

Although living in Scotland, I'm keenly interested in Crewe Alexandra — and would like to know their best-ever seasons in the League and F.A. Cup.

ALLAN MYLES, LANARKSHIRE

● Both go back quite a long way, Allan. Tenth in the Second Division in 1892-93 is Crewe's League best, and in the F.A. Cup they reached the Semi-Final in 1887-88 — but then crashed 4-0 to Preston North End.

SHORT PASSES

● In 1966-67, Celtic won the Scottish League, Scottish Cup, Scottish League Cup, Glasgow Cup — and became the first British team to win the European Cup.

(COLIN PIKE, Worcester)

● Don Revie, while playing for Manchester City, was voted "Footballer of the Year" in 1954-55

(TOMMY JOHNSTONE, Dunbartonshire)

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Outsiders

Has any club from outside the Football League ever won the F.A. Cup?

PAUL HEALEY, BELFAST

● Yes, Paul — EIGHTEEN of 'em! But that's only because the first 17 F.A. Cup competitions were played before the Football League was started in the 1888-89 season.

Even then, three of them — Blackburn Rovers (three times), Aston Villa, and West Bromwich Albion — were later to become famous League clubs.

Since then, though, only one club has managed it — Spurs in 1901. They were then still a Southern League club, and didn't join the Football League until 1908.

Do-it-yourself

Who was the England international who once transferred himself from one club to another?

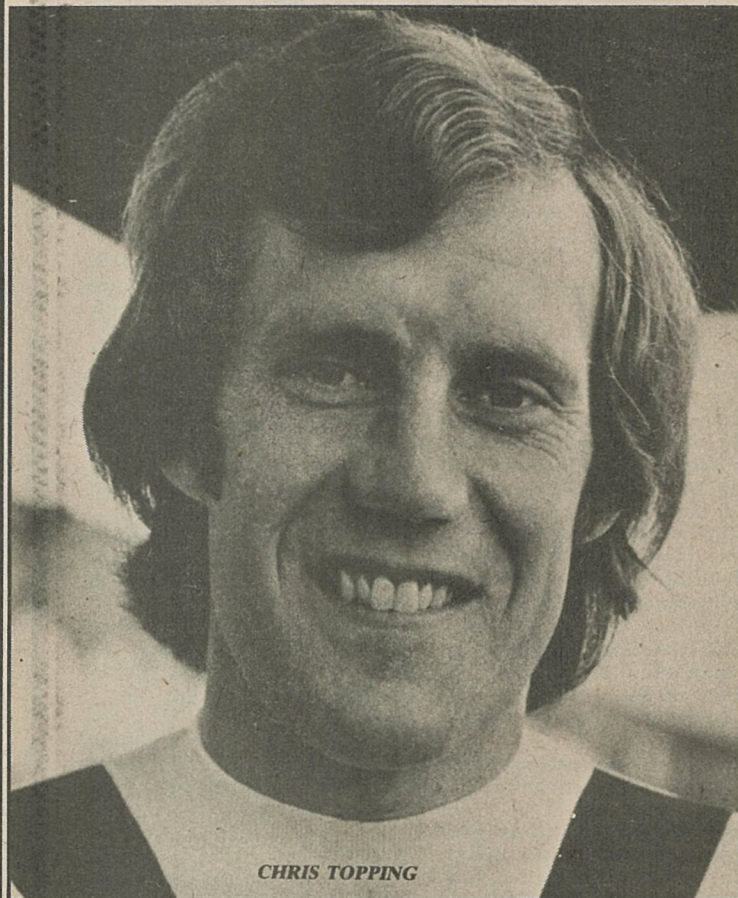
ROGER SMITH, NUNEATON

● I've got a feeling, Roger, you're thinking of Ivor Broadis — who later, as a skilful Manchester City and Newcastle inside-forward, won 14 full caps for England between 1951 and 1954.

In January, 1949, to ease financial problems Broadis found himself in the novel situation of arranging his own transfer to Sunderland for £18,000.

Incidentally, Broadis's move left the post vacant for someone — later to become world-famous as a team-boss — to take up his very first managerial job.

That man was Bill Shankly!



CHRIS TOPPING

A TRANSFER that did not hit the headlines took place on May 19th this year. Chris Topping moved from York City to Huddersfield Town for £20,000 and Town supporters will be hoping Chris can keep up a record that is staggering for a footballer in the hard wear and tear of modern soccer. Topping was an ever-present for York again last season. In fact he had not missed a League match for the club since September 12th, 1970, and had completed 354 consecutive appearances for them

out of his 410 League games plus two as substitute.

The going was a lot tougher for players last season if the number of ever-presents is anything to go by.

Season 1976-77 saw 129 complete the course in the most grueling League in the world. Last term the number had dwindled to 101.

As the consistent Chris Topping goes on and on, Brian Lloyd who had already set up a new record for a goalkeeper in Great Britain for consecutive appearances, missed

Topping

A complete list of the players who made maximum Football League appearances last season.

games last season as did Liverpool's Ray Clemence who previously had not missed a match since 1972.

Lloyd played in the first game of Wrexham's promotion campaign, but was then dropped from the League side. He was transferred to Chester in September, 1977, where he played in 36 successive League games. Is it the start of another record run for Brian?

Favourite

The most consistent player in the First Division is Middlesbrough's David Armstrong. The Ayresome Park favourite has now completed five seasons without missing a League game.

It is often said a team in relegation trouble will make most changes. But Second Division Orient, who left it to the last match to make sure of safety, proved the exception to the rule last term.

Not one of the other 91 English clubs could equal Orient's total of five ever-presents. With goalkeeper John Jackson making it four seasons in a row since missing a League match.



Alistair Robertson has been an ever-present for three seasons with West Bromwich Albion.

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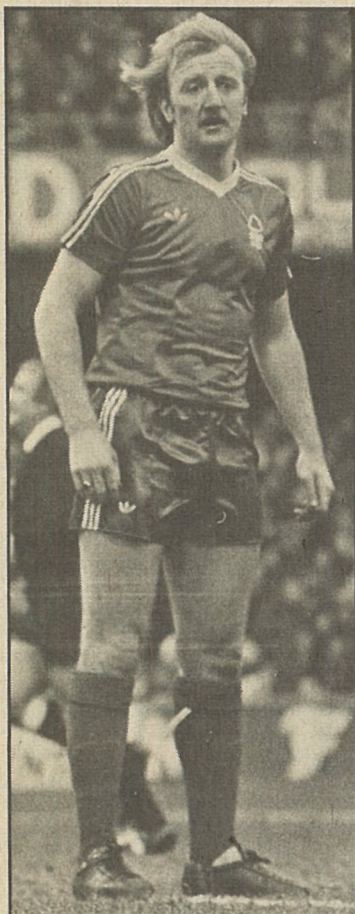
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NORWICH C	2	John Ryan, Tony Powell	25
NOTTM FOR	1	John Robertson	16
Q.P.R.	NIL		24
W.B.A.	2	Tony Godden, Alistair Robertson	17
WEST HAM	1	Tommy Taylor	23
WOLVES	NIL		24
	25		496

Number of players used by clubs include substitute appearances.

SECOND DIVISION

	No. of Ever- Presents		No. of players used
BLACKBURN R	1	Kevin Hird	21
BLACKPOOL	NIL		21
BOLTON W	2	Jim McDonagh, Neil Whatmore	20
BRIGHTON	1	Brian Horton	21
BRISTOL R	NIL		22
BURNLEY	1	Alan Stevenson	21
CARDIFF C	NIL		21
CHARLTON A	1	Jeff Wood	23
C. PALACE	NIL		29
FULHAM	1	Gerry Peyton	24
HULL C'	NIL		23
LUTON T	1	Lil Fuccillo	21
MANSFIELD T	3	Rod Arnold, Dave Syrett, Gordon Hodgson	24
MILLWALL	NIL		25
NOTTS. Co	2	Eric McManus, Bob Chapman	21
OLDHAM A	NIL		23
ORIENT	5	John Jackson, Bobby Fisher, Bill Roffey, Glenn Roeder, Peter Kitchen	17
SHEFFIELD U	NIL		20
SOUTHAMPTON	NIL		22
STOKE C	2	Howard Kendall, Alan Dodd	25
SUNDERLAND	1	Barry Siddall	24
TOTTENHAM	4	Barry Daines, Steve Perryman, Neil McNab, John Pratt	18
	25		486

tops again



Two other clubs had four ever-presents . . . Tottenham who won promotion to the First Division and Fourth Division Scunthorpe United.

Six players have now completed three terms without missing a Football League appearance. They are Mark Wallington (Leicester C), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Alistair Robertson (W.B.A.), Gordon Hodgson (Mansfield), Joe Forrest (Bury) and Ray Mathias (Tranmere R).

"Footballer of the Year" Kenny Burns played in the first 41 League games for Champions Nottingham Forest. But he missed the last

game for his club to travel to London and collect his award at the Football Writers' Dinner. This left John Robertson as Forest's only ever-present last season.

Six players who do not appear in our records also deserve a mention. They appeared in every game, but include substitute appearances. They were Ken Clements (Man. City, 40 and 2 sub), Garth Crooks (Stoke, 41 and 1 sub), Bernie Wright (Bradford C, 45 and 1 sub), Mike Brolly (Grimsby, 45 and 1 sub), Bobby Owen (Doncaster, 45 and 1 sub) and Bobby Downes (Watford, 44 and 2 sub).



Kenny Burns (left) missed Forest's last game of the season to collect his "Footballer of the Year" award. Barry Daines (above) was one of four Spurs ever-presents, while John Jackson (right) of Orient has not missed a match for four seasons.



THIRD DIVISION

	No. of Ever- Presents		No. of players used
BRADFORD C	1	Peter Downsbrough	22
BURY	1	John Forrest	23
CAMBRIDGE U	2	David Stringer, Steve Fallon	22
CARLISLE U	1	Mike McCartney	23
CHESTER	NIL		21
CHESTERFIELD	3	Colin Tartt, Ken Burton, John Cottam	22
COLCHESTER U	1	Mike Walker	18
EXETER C	3	John Hore, Tony Kellow, Keith Bowker	21
GILLINGHAM	NIL		20
HEREFORD U	NIL		27
LINCOLN C	NIL		26
OXFORD U	2	David Fogg, Les Taylor	19
PETERBORO U	3	Bobby Doyle, Chris Turner, Ian Ross	21
PLYMOUTH A	1	George Foster	26
PORTSMOUTH	NIL		26
PORT VALE	NIL		27
PRESTON N.E.	2	Roy Tunks, Mike Elwiss	18
ROTHERHAM U	1	Tom McAllister	20
SHEFFIELD W	1	Richard Walden	25
SHREWSBURY T	NIL		22
SWINDON T	1	Colin Prophet	19
TRANMERE R	2	Ray Mathias, Clive Evans	16
WALSALL	1	Alan Buckley	23
WREXHAM	3	Gareth Davies, Bobby Shinton, Mel Sutton	23
	29		530

FOURTH DIVISION

	No. of Ever- Presents		No. of players used
ALDERSHOT	NIL		19
BARNLEY	2	John Saunders, Michael McCarthy	22
BOURNEMOUTH	NIL		22
BRENTFORD	2	Len Bond, Steve Phillips	21
CREWE A	1	Geoff Crudgington	20
DARLINGTON	1	Neil Hague	17
DONCASTER R	NIL		25
GRIMSBY T	1	Joe Waters	19
HALIFAX T	NIL		20
HARTLEPOOL	1	William Ayre	29
H'DERSFIELD T	NIL		24
NEWPORT Co	NIL		25
NORTHAMPTON	NIL		23
READING	1	Gary Peters	25
ROCHDALE	NIL		24
SCUNTHORPE U	4	Peter Crawford, Mike Czuczman, Robert Oates, Nolan Keeley	22
		Alan Moody, Colin Morris, Derrick Parker	23
SOUTHEND U	3		21
SOUTHPORT	NIL		21
STOCKPORT C	1	John Rutter	26
SWANSEA C	1	Wyndham Evans	22
TORQUAY U	1	Ian Twitchin	23
WATFORD	1	Alan Garner	25
WIMBLEDON	NIL		21
YORK C	2	Chris Topping, Gordon Staniforth	22
	22		539

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THE 1977-78 season had its fair share of big money transfers with players like Gordon McQueen, Joe Jordan, Graeme Souness, Alan Sunderland, Brian Flynn, Paul Hart, Bruce Rioch, Archie Gemmill and Tommy Craig all moving for massive sums of money.

But, perhaps the most interesting transfers were those involving players who were snapped up for very much smaller fees and have turned out to be real bargains.

The Second Division seems to be the best place to find such prize captures as you'll see as we run down the list.

Blackburn Rovers didn't pay a penny for young, if balding, Noel Brotherston. Yet he is now on the wanted list of several First Division clubs after a fine season for the Ewood Park club.

During his years with Spurs, Noel rarely got a chance to shine

with bigger names around, but in the less glamorous surroundings of industrial Lancashire, he has blossomed tremendously.

Brighton splashed out vast amounts of money for Teddy Maybank and Peter Sayer, but they also claim to have unearthed one of the finds of the season in young Paul Clark who seems to play anywhere with equal dexterity.

An early season signing from Southend United, Paul acquitted himself very well at the Goldstone Ground, and having cost only one-fifth as much as Maybank, has probably turned out to be the better buy.

Strong and resourceful, Paul also has a fierce shot, and is rated one of the most promising young all-rounders in the game.

Bristol Rovers have unearthed one of the young goalscoring finds in Paul Randall, who was working in a Minehead supermarket until Don Megson gave him the chance

of making a name for himself. Paul has certainly done that, scoring some remarkable goals, and showing great composure in his first season.

Cardiff also went hunting in non-League circles to find a new man with the knack of scoring goals.

Ray Bishop arrived from Cheltenham with a reputation as a goalscorer and he did not disappoint manager Jimmy Andrews.

In successive weeks Ray dented

the promotion hopes of Brighton and Southampton, earning the penalty which beat Alan Mullery's side, and scoring the only goal against Saints.

Charlton Athletic feel they bought wisely in the last few weeks of the season by securing Martin Robinson from London neighbours Spurs.

In only a handful of senior appearances at White Hart Lane, Martin showed he had the right qualities when it comes to finishing but his prospects were limited by the presence of strikers like John Duncan and Chris Jones.

Soon after arriving at The Valley Martin became a regular goalscorer and could form the sort of partnership Derek Hales used to share with Mike Flanagan.

The selection of Fulham's Richard Money for the England Under-21 squad in Italy, may have surprised a lot of folk but not manager Bobby Campbell.

He knew exactly what he was doing when he paid Scunthorpe United £40,000 for Richard in November, and that confidence has been fully justified.

Tall and strong, he was as effective as anyone at Craven Cottage last season.

Perhaps the greatest bargain of all was Oldham's Steve Taylor, a mere £30,000 buy from Bolton.

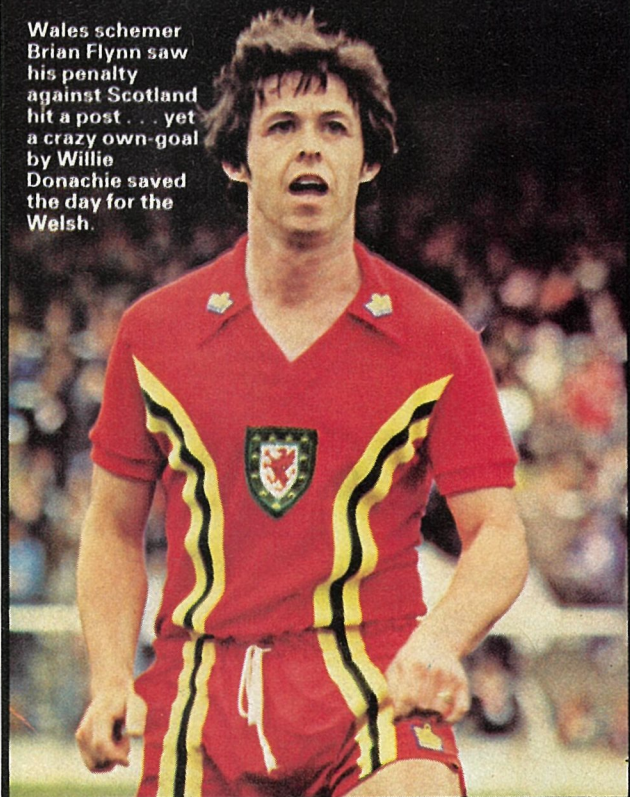
Since his arrival at Boundary Park, Steve has achieved an amazing scoring rate of a goal every two games.

We wonder how Bolton manager Ian Greaves feels about that.

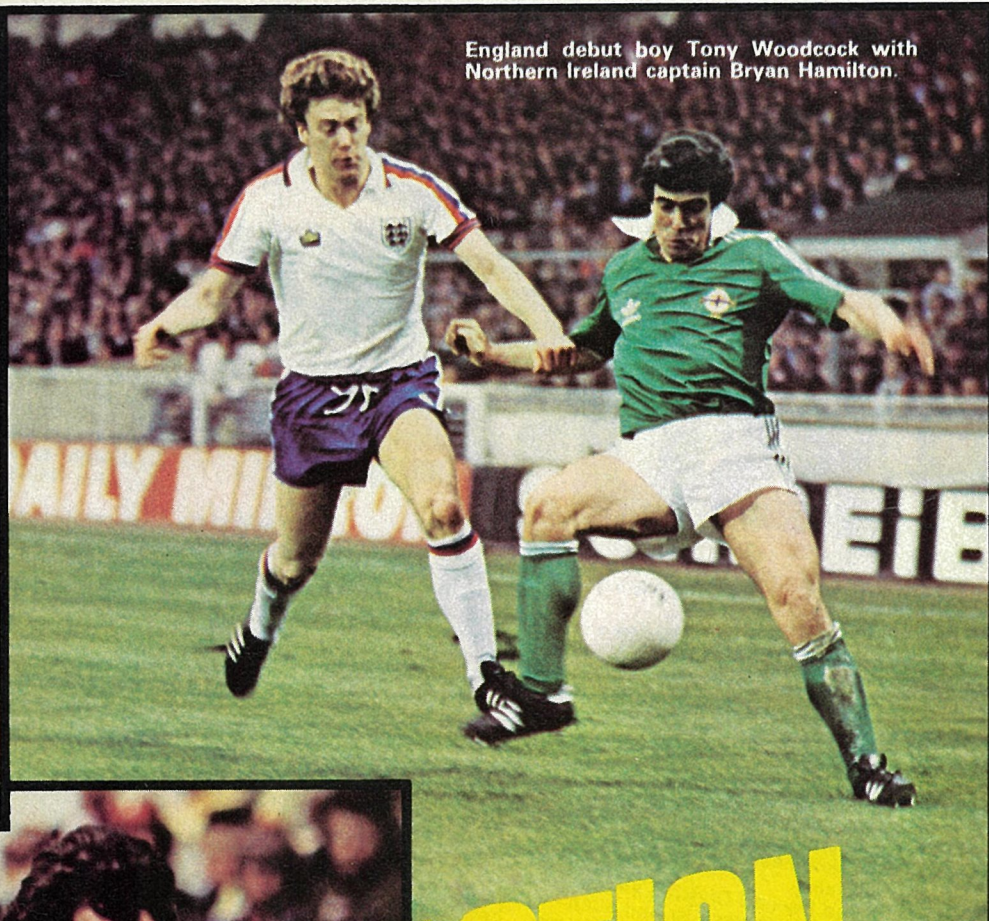
Probably the biggest bargain of last season was Oldham's Steve Taylor (left) from Bolton. Paul Randall heads past Millwall 'keeper Nicky Johns for his 17th goal of the season for Bristol Rovers.



Wales schemer Brian Flynn saw his penalty against Scotland hit a post . . . yet a crazy own-goal by Willie Donachie saved the day for the Welsh.



England debut boy Tony Woodcock with Northern Ireland captain Bryan Hamilton.



ACTION ALL THE WAY

Scotland defender Gordon McQueen stops Chris McGrath, the Northern Ireland forward.



England's Brian Greenhoff clears from Phil

Goal! Full-back Phil Neal wins the game for England against the Irish at Wembley.



Nottingham Forest team-mates, but international opponents. Martin O'Neill of Ireland and Scotland's Archie Gemmill.



AY! THE 1977/78 British Championship was one of the most competitive and keenly-fought in years. England, Wales and Northern Ireland were all gunning for World Cup Finalists Scotland. Ally's Army, while not wanting to lose, had Argentina on its mind. There were some fine individual performances, good goals, silly goals and in many ways we saw the best qualities from the early matches...



Trevor Brooking in command against Wales in Cardiff.



WEST Germany and Holland . . . they're my two favourites for the 1978 World Cup; Scotland should do very well, and keep an eye on France as good outsiders.

During the next three weeks or so I'll be watching every minute of the World Cup action I possibly can.

I think it will be an exciting tournament as there are so many top-class players taking part. Yet I have a nagging doubt in the back of my mind that the competition could become physical.

If Brazil were prepared to play as they did against England — very roughly — what, I wonder, will they be like in the World Cup?

Also, the Italy/Argentina clash has all the makings of a right old kick-up. I hope I'm wrong, but it could be on the cards.

Even though the Germans haven't shown their best form in recent months, I'm confident they'll do very well in the Finals. I remember last time they started slowly, but improved with every game and, of course, ran out winners.

West Germany are very professional with so much experience. At World Cup level, the importance of this cannot be under-estimated.

They showed in spells against us in Munich during February they can match anyone for skill and I expect

them to rise to the challenge of defending their Cup.

Holland will naturally miss Johan Cruyff. He's one of the best players I've ever seen and any country would miss a player of his calibre.

However, I watched Robbie Rensenbrink inspire Anderlecht to their European Cup-Winners' Cup

victory over Austria Vienna a few weeks ago and was most impressed by his all-round performance.

He seems at his peak and has improved since 1974. I can see Rensenbrink taking over the role of "general" from Cruyff. What I particularly like about Holland is all their outfield players are so adapt-

able. Everyone can defend and attack and I think they'll have a big say in where the Cup eventually goes.

My main reservation about Scotland is their natural aggression. They found out last year in Buenos Aires when Willie Johnston was sent-off that a player doesn't necessarily have to sin to be shown the red card.

When I played out there last June, I sensed a very big anti-British feeling in soccer and, as it turned out, both England and Scotland had innocent players ordered off. Scotland must be on their guard, especially against the Latins, or else they'll be in trouble.

Even so, Scotland should do well and surely won't have much difficulty in qualifying for the Second Round, along with Holland.

One side I don't fancy to win is Argentina. Yes, I know the hosts traditionally do well — even Mexico in 1970!

Yet judging from what I saw a year ago, Argentina didn't look like potential World Champions. I don't know how their present side compares with the one we drew 1-1 with, but I still wouldn't put money on them.

Mind you, it won't be easy for anyone to beat Argentina. The local



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**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

Left . . . "Paul Breitner scores for West Germany v Holland in the '74 World Cup Final."

Above . . . "Peter Barnes in action against Italy. The Italians didn't give 100 per cent at Wembley."

fans are very partisan and I recall us being pelted with pesos during our game. All this is very off-putting and intimidating, which is why the Argentina/Italy game will be VERY interesting!

Italy didn't look very good against us at Wembley last November. While I'm reluctant to take anything away from our own performance, I must be honest and say some of the Italians didn't give 100 per cent. They knew they could lose yet still qualify, so a few of them didn't try as hard as they could have done. I can't see them having a similar attitude in the Finals.

For a while I've had a sneaking suspicion France could cause a few surprises. Their club sides have done quite well... St-Etienne and Bastia have made their mark in Europe... while the international selection has chalked up some impressive victories.

Hungary, too, are a team worth watching... young and on the way up. Group One promises to be very close indeed.

One of the best sides in 1974 was Poland — possibly THE best in terms of being a unit. Their teamwork was excellent; Tomaszewski was superb in goal, Gorgon dominated at the back, Deyna ran the midfield, while Lato and Gadocha caused havoc for opposing defences.

The line-up has not changed very much and with so much experience the Poles could do as well, at least, this time round, as they did in '74.

Brazil should qualify from Group Three, although the other three teams — Spain, Sweden and Austria — won't be easy to beat.

Sweden, apparently, did exceptionally well to beat Germany 3-1 in April. They were a neat side in 1974,

yet somehow seem to lack the extra ingredient to go further. Perhaps it's because not all their players are full-time professionals in Europe.

Spain are never easy to beat, while Austria's results over the past year or so are impressive.

Some critics feel it could be a disappointing World Cup. While there isn't a clear-cut favourite, I believe there will be some marvellous soccer played, even though I think games between the "big" teams will be close, low-scoring affairs.

I tend to look at players rather than teams. I'll be keeping a special watch on Brazil captain Rivelino, whose technique and skill are unbelievable. I thought his performance at Wembley in April was world-class, and I'll be interested to see how Zico shapes up during the Finals, too.

I don't know if I'll learn anything from watching the World Cup on T.V. — I suppose I will, even if I don't realise it straight away.

I tend to try to emulate some of the skills seen and I'm confident in this respect we'll see a feast of football.

What a pity England aren't there.

Still, Scotland are there and have so many outstanding players I'm convinced they'll come home with a lot of respect, even if they don't actually win the Cup.

Join me again in two weeks when I'll be giving my views about the British Championship.

Raymond

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This week's Star Letter comes from John Aston of Wheatley, Doncaster, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

THE DOC IS WRONG FOR DERBY

I READ Tommy Docherty had fined Don Masson £500 for not turning up for a pre-match meal. How petty can a manager get?

How does The Doc expect his Derby players to give their all for him and the club when he dishes out treatment like this?

Masson and team-mate Rioch have both felt The Doc's wrath lately. I bet they'll be glad to get away!

Tommy Docherty is not the sort of manager Derby require to make them successful. Fines like this will not help the club's bank balance, only a winning team will do this and without players like Masson and Rioch success will not happen.

Until we rid ourselves of managers like Docherty, our star players will continue to be unsettled.

● Obviously the deal involving Masson and Rioch didn't work out; neither players could get along with the manager — or perhaps vice-versa. Whatever people may think of Docherty, there'll always be a job somewhere for him. Love him or hate him, he's a lively character and the game needs such people.

Pen-Pal

I'M 24-years-old and would like pen-pals from England who support Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Millwall or Stockport County.

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Let's Get Together

WHAT a pity we'll never see this team in action: Pat Jennings, Dave Langan, Allan Hunter, David O'Leary, Jimmy Holmes; Martin O'Neill, Gerry Daly, Liam Brady; Frank Stapleton, Don Givens, Steve Heighway.

An all-Ireland team would be a match for anyone. Ireland has produced players like Best, Giles,

Blanchflower and Carey... then, the players have been split apart! It's like making Willie John McBride play Rugby in a different team to Tom Kiernan!

MICHAEL COLEMAN,
CO. DUBLIN.

● Yes, Ireland have been successful with a combined Rugby side and would no doubt have a marvellous soccer team. But there would be too many problems to overcome for it to become reality. In the meantime I look forward to the historic meeting between the two Irelands in the European Championship.

Super Ray

LIVERPOOL'S Ray Clemence is too modest to mention his own achievements. He had another magnificent season for The Reds, collecting his eighth winners' medal in six seasons.

In 59 games Ray kept a clean-sheet 30 times and in 487 first team games for the European Champions has kept the opposition out on 237 occasions. No English goalkeeper of any era can equal this.

PAUL APPLETON,
PRESCOT.

● It's surprising how players are often unaware of their records. Anyway, I'm sure Ray would be the first to say the other Liverpool players deserve as much credit.

Biased Tommy

AFTER watching the European Cup Final on T.V. I must write and complain about the attitude of Tommy Smith. From his comments, we are led to believe that only divine intervention lost Liverpool the League Cup and kept them from running up double figures against Nottingham Forest.

Someone should remind Mr Smith that not every Liverpool attack has a right to end with a goal and that opposing goalkeepers can make great saves... it's not always luck.

Let me add Liverpool were worthy winners against Bruges (thanks to two Scots).

HENRY POLLOCK,
STIRLING.

● Someone else can tell iron-man Tommy. I'm certainly not! But seriously, I agree. Tommy was far too red-eyed. Liverpool deserved to win, but I've seen much better performances from the Champions of Europe.



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ARMAGH born Alan Wilson (left) who plays for the Irish League side Glenavon has been invited by newly promoted Southampton to spend two weeks with them in July for pre-season training.

The 19-year-old striker was in impressive form for Glenavon last season.

HALIFAX Player-manager Jimmy Lawson plumped for experience to strengthen his back-four by paying £4,000 for York City left-back Geoff Hutt.

With a background of more than 300 games spanning all four Divisions with Huddersfield, Second Division soccer at Blackburn and Third and Fourth Division service at York, Hutt, who is 28, has the right qualifications PLUS a spell in Dutch top grade soccer with Haarlem.

Manager Lawson had first-hand knowledge of Hutt, too. They were colleagues at Huddersfield and the deal brings the number of ex-Leeds Road players at The Shay to five . . . Lawson, Hutt, Stephen Smith, Francis Firth and Bob Mountford.

THE disappointing 20,000 gate for the F.A. Challenge Trophy Final between Leatherhead and Altrincham prompted many observers to ask: "Should the match be taken away from Wembley and played on a Football League ground?"
Our answer: No, leave it at Wembley. It's the dream of most players to appear at the mecca of our football.

Incidentally, Altrincham won 3-1.

EXPECT some new arrivals at Sheffield United during the close-season. Manager Harry Haslam realises the first team squad needs strengthening and has his eye on a couple of players he feels will fit the bill.

JUST before leaving for Argentina, Scotland manager Ally MacLeod popped into a hotel to have a look at some promising youngsters . . . playing in the Scottish Subbuteo Table Soccer Championships.

Ally was a big hit with these lads . . . as we hope Scotland will be in the World Cup Finals which kick-off on Thursday (June 1st).



Mansfield Town (dark socks) on the defence during their 2-0 win at Fulham in March.

Unbeaten run couldn't save Stags

BILLY Bingham, manager of relegated Mansfield, is pretty confident he can take them back into the Second Division next term.

"I want to sign two players before the start of next season," he says. "With them added to our first team squad, I believe we could go near to winning the Third Division Championship again."

Bingham, who took over at Field Mill late in February, is only

too sorry he didn't get the job earlier. "I really think I could have saved the club going down — given just a bit more time."

Mansfield, who totalled 31 points, finished the season by going unbeaten in their last five games — but it wasn't good enough to save them.

Bingham has a fine supporter in chairman Arthur Patrick. "I'm only sorry he did not take over earlier as well," says Patrick.

"There is a different atmosphere since he came. He motivates people and gets things organised."

"We were unlucky with injuries to key players, but I think we could bounce straight back next season."

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KEN SMALES, the Nottingham Forest secretary, had a surprise at Forest's last home game of the season. A supporter walked in and asked for a season ticket.

Ken, having explained next season's tickets were not yet on sale, was shocked when told the fan wanted a season ticket for the 1977-78 season.

The supporter explained to the Forest secretary that by paying £23 for one game (normal stand price £2.50), he was entitled to a season ticket for next term.

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Big Bill's World Cup Glory!

AN Ulsterman with a Scottish accent and an English club starred for Ireland in the 1958 Sweden World Cup Finals — by accident!

When top Irish pivot Jackie Blanchflower (Manchester Utd.), an injured Munich Air Crash survivor, sadly missed the 1958 Finals, his centre-half role was filled by Leicester City full-back Bill Cunningham, who emerged as one of the leading central-defenders in the series, as Ireland battled to the Quarter-Finals.

"We had a really good side in those days, with players like Harry Gregg, Danny

Blanchflower, Bertie Peacock, Jimmy McIlroy and Peter McParland, and a great manager in Peter Doherty who inspired us to amazing heights," quipped 30-times-capped Bill, when he spoke to SHOOT's Ulster correspondent, Eddie McKee, recently.

Cunningham, originally a St. Mirren product and Scottish F.A. Cup medalist with Dunfermline, v Celtic, in 1961, was born in Co. Antrim, but "emigrated" to Scotland, where he still lives, when quite young — the reason, no doubt, for his strong Caledonian accent!

WHEN the Republic of Ireland international side were unable to accept an invitation to play Argentina in Buenos Aires in April, a John Giles-led League of Ireland selection took on the South Americans in a pre-World Cup warm-up game.

The team was made up of mainly part-timers but did not disgrace themselves.

Many international sides would be happy to come away from Buenos Aires with a 1-3 scoreline. Scorer of the Irish goal was Dundalk's Synan Braddish.

On his return to Ireland, he was signed by Liverpool, along with fellow-Dundalk players Torn Duff and Derek Carroll.

Champion Boss

BILLY YOUNG's record since taking over of current Eire Champions Bohemians in August, 1973 reads: League — twice; Runners-up 73/74 and 76/77. Fourth 75/76 F.A.U. Cup '76. No wonder he is the longest-serving boss in Eire.

How they finished in the BASS League of Ireland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	30	17	10	3	74	25	44
Finn Harps	30	19	4	7	60	38	42
Drogheda Utd	30	15	10	5	53	27	40
Shamrock Rovers	30	14	12	4	45	22	40
Waterford	30	16	7	7	46	37	39
Sligo Rovers	30	13	8	9	47	31	34
Limerick	30	10	12	8	36	29	32
Athlone Town	30	10	11	9	43	41	31
Cork Albion	30	11	8	11	36	35	30
St Patrick's A	30	10	7	13	35	35	27
Dundalk	30	9	9	12	43	46	27
Shelbourne	30	6	11	13	32	50	23
Home Farm	30	8	7	15	30	56	23
Cork Celtic	30	6	10	14	34	58	22
Galway Rovers	30	3	10	17	16	53	16
Thurles Town	30	1	8	21	22	69	10



SEVERAL clubs asked Burnley if they were prepared to sell their Northern Ireland striker Terry Cochrane (above) last season. They all received the same curt reply . . . "No!"

KERRY PACKER is considering staging World Series Cricket at Stamford Bridge, home of First Division Chelsea. Well, they could certainly do with the money.

SHOOT Steve Goalgetter Competition

Here's the result and prizewinners of the Steve Goalgetter competition which appeared in the 14th January, 1978, issue.

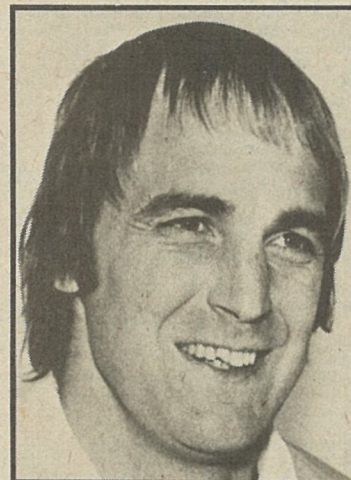
1. Jimmy Case. Jimmy Greenhoff, Stuart Pearson. 2. Denis Law. 3. Aston Villa seven times. Andy Gray.

Winners

Miss T. Akanni, London.
Malcolm Angel, Cleveland.
Adam Archer, Northampton.
Peter Atkinson, Bedfordshire.
Kevin Bailey, Bradford 5, Yorks.
F. Barclay, Scotland.
David Bean, Lincs.
Richard Bogusz, Gt. Manchester.
Steve Bott, Nr. Coleshill, Warwickshire.
Ian Brown, Carlisle, Cumbria.
Jason Brown, Benfleet, Essex.
Richard Brown, Dorset.
Ben Bryant, Sandhurst, Surrey.
Gary Bryant, Birmingham 13.
Peter Bryant, Andover, Hants.
John Burns, Lanarkshire, Scotland.
J. A. Carratt, Lincoln.
Andrew Carter, Newport, Gwent.
Rakesh Chhabra, Margate, Kent.
Iain Clayton, Wetherby, W. Yorks.
Graham Clements, Swindon, Wilts.
Andrew Cockayne, Sheffield.
Colin Cooper, Keighley, W. Yorks.
Jean Cropper, Oldham.
Peter Degg, Birmingham.
Steven Danby, Beeston, Nottm.
Philip Dark, Saltash, Cornwall.
Raymond Davies, Dyfed, Wales.
Scott Davies, Birmingham.
Neil Doughty, Leeds.
Eifion Edwards, Abergale, Clwyd.
Ian Fisher, Middx.
John Fisher, Bedlington.
Richard Ford, Burnley, Lancs.
Charles Fowler, Groby, Leicesters.
Darren Fox, Harpenden, Herts.
Kenneth Grogan, Manchester.
Timothy Hall, Yeovil, Somerset.
Evelyn Hartford, Clydebank, Strathclyde.
Trevor Hathaway, Erdington, Birmingham 23.
William Heaton, Sale, Cheshire.
David Hudson, Belle Isle, Leeds 10.
Paul Hurst, Leamore, Walsall.
Gary Ironman, Aylestone, Leicester.
Paul Jackson, Royston, Herts.
John Jamieson, Cambuslang, Glasgow.
Neil Jordison, Nr. Darlington, Co. Durham.
Bethan Jones, Gwynedd, North Wales.
Douglas Keen, Milton under Wychwood, Oxon.
Martin Kelleher, Widnes, Cheshire.

Michael Kendall, Downend, Bristol.
Colin Kennard, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.
Gillian Kiely, Stamford, Lincs.
Mehmet Kolliari, Winchmore Hill, London.
Michael Leech, Plymouth, Devon.
Andrew Linton, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
Stephen Loughney, Leeds 12.
Bruce McClymont, Dundee, Scotland.
Philip McGarry, Blackburn, Lancs.
Paul McGuire, Moseley, Birmingham.
Kevin Milton, South Shields, Tyne & Wear.
Kenneth Mitchell, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.
D. T. Morgan, Llanelli, Dyfed.
Darin Morse, St. Austell, Cornwall.
Timothy Mullett, Chobham, Surrey.
Andrew Neal, Chorley, Lancs.
Jonathan Newman, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.
Adam Nicholson, Heap Bridge, Bury, Lancs.
Wayne Notter, Barking, Essex.
Alan Oliver, Stanmore, Middx.
Frankie Owczarek, Bradford 7, W. Yorkshire.
Mark Owen, Chapelfields, Coventry.
Neill Parker, Basingstoke, Hants.
Dinesh Patel, Leicester.
Debra Petterson, Thornton-Cleveleys, Blackpool.
Clive Piller, Eltham.
Michael Redcroft, Dereham, Norfolk.
Charles Reed, Stockport.
Dean Robson, Nottingham.
Paul Rowan, Warrington.
Ian Russell, Edmonton, London.
Asif Saghir, Birmingham.
Carl Smith, Fleetwood, Lancs.
Craig Smith, Kettering, Northants.
Nigel Staples, Downend, Bristol.
Derek Stonehouse, Saltburn, Cleveland.
Christopher Sullivan, Birmingham 12.
Colin Taylor, Manchester 10.
Andrew Townsend, Tadworth, Surrey.
Andrew Turner, Yatton, Bristol.
Lee Turner, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear.
Matthew Vine, Godalming, Surrey.
Daniel Walker, Luton, Beds.
Roger Wandless, Cockerham, Cumbria.
David Wheatley, Stafford.
Ian David Wood, Sharples, Bolton.
Timothy Wood, Cullompton, Devon.
Neil Woodvine, Telford, Shropshire.
Neil Woolfitt, Walsall, W. Midlands.
Andrew Zissell, Orpington, Kent.

SOCCER IN THE STATES



Davies the brave

IT TAKES a lot to make former Southampton and Wales striker Ron Davies (above) miss either training or a match for Los Angeles Aztecs.

Ron, 36, had 24 stitches in a knee after a collision with a Fort Lauderdale player. But he was out there playing against Oakland a week later with half the stitches still in the knee.

During the game he had to have attention to the knee. Then he received a cut on the nose followed by a boot in the face which left him with a black eye.

Amazingly Ron was still smiling when he came off at the end looking like one of Muhammad Ali's victims.

BILLY SINCLAIR, the Sligo Rovers boss, is one of several League of Ireland personalities in the States this Summer. Sinclair is trainer to Cleveland Cobras, and is due to return to Eire in time for next season.

Other players gone West are: Charlie McCarthy and Redmond Lane of Cork Albion to New York Apollos. Waterford's Peter Thomas and Sid Wallace and Sligo's Alan Patterson and Donal Tobin to California Sunshines. Brian Gardiner, the former Preston defender, now with Waterford has joined New York Shyhawks.

Dad's the boss

IT'S A real father and son act at Detroit Express these days.

The club are managed by Ken Furphy, once in charge of Cosmos, and most of the goals are being scored by his son Keith.

Furphy junior topped the American Conference goalscoring charts after the opening month, ahead of Rodney Marsh (Tampa Bay Rowdies).

With Keith's skill on the pitch and dad's influence in the managerial chair, Express could well end on top of the Central Division.

BIGGEST surprise in the National Conference, Eastern Division is the poor form of Toronto Metro-Croats, the 1976 Champions.

The NASL

(Tables as of May 16th)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Cosmos	7	0	23	6	16	58
Washington	7	1	17	4	15	57
Rochester	2	5	8	12	8	20
Toronto	2	5	6	9	6	18

Central Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Dallas	5	3	15	10	14	44
Tulsa	5	4	13	10	13	43
Minnesota	4	3	9	8	9	33
Colorado	3	6	13	18	12	30

Western Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Vancouver	7	2	16	8	15	57
Portland	6	4	15	14	15	51
Seattle	5	4	14	10	14	44
Los Angeles	3	5	11	13	10	28

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Tampa Bay	4	4	15	16	14	38
Fort Lauderdale	4	4	12	20	12	36
New England	4	2	11	4	9	33
Philadelphia	3	5	10	19	10	28

Central Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Detroit	4	4	9	8	9	33
Houston	3	5	9	15	9	27
Memphis	0	8	7	18	7	7
Chicago	0	8	4	17	4	4

Western Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
California	7	3	17	12	15	57
San Diego	5	4	17	14	14	44
San Jose	4	5	12	14	11	35
Oakland	4	4	10	14	10	34

Six points awarded for victory; one bonus point awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.

Mighty Mike

MIKE FLANAGAN celebrated Charlton's escape from relegation by scoring four goals for his club New England Tea Men against Chicago Sting recently. That took his total to six in four games.

Says Mike: "You can imagine how sick I felt when Charlton looked like sliding into the Third Division. I was desperate to come back and help out but was stuck here. Fortunately it turned out all right in the end. But it was very worrying for a while."

The low road

TWO Scottish fans passed through Los Angeles the other week en route for Argentina. They were hitch-hiking to Cordoba dressed in kilts, sporrans, the whole tartan regalia.

They were Adrian Maren, 28, and Gerry Keenan, 25, who had thumbed the 3,000 miles across the States in a little over two weeks.

They left L.A. to cross the border into Mexico and the most hazardous part of their journey along primitive dirt roads infested with bandits.

We've heard of taking the low road . . . but that's ridiculous.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Sbragia)
MAN. CITY (0) 4 (Owen pen., Kidd 2, Power) 25,294

Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Sbragia, Dillon, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Fox.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Power.

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Langley)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves) 31,637
Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Finnieston, Swain, Langley, Wilkins (R), Garner.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Patching, Berry, Richards, Rafferty, Eves

COVENTRY 0
NOTTM. FOREST 0 36,881
Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Green, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Beck.
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, O'Hare, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Gemmill, Robertson

DERBY (0) 4 (George 2, Rioch, Buckley)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Davies) 18,829
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Rioch, Powell, Nish, Curran, Daly, Chesters, George, Ryan (Bartlett).
Leicester: Wallington; Dawkins, Whitworth, Williams, Sims, Webb, Goodwin, Davies, Smith, Salmons, Hamilton.

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mills)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 22,535
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter (A), Osman, Osborne, Wark, Mariner, Geddis, Woods.
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Cormack (Mabutt), Mann.

LEEDS (1) 1 (Currie)
ARSENAL (3) 3 (Stapleton, Hart o.g., Macdonald) 33,263
Leeds: Stewart; Madeley, Hampton, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Gray (F), Hankin, Gray (E) (Clarke), Currie, Graham.
Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Rix, Macdonald, Stapleton, Matthews

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Ryan o.g., Fairclough 2)
NORWICH (0) 0 44,857
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Hughes, Kennedy, Case, McDermott, Souness, Dalglish, Fairclough.
Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Ryan, Paddon, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Lythgoe, Suggett, Peters.

MAN. UTD (0) 3 (Grimes pen., McIlroy, Pearson)
WEST HAM (0) 0 54,089
Man. U: Stepney; Albiston, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Jordan, Pearson, Grimes, Greenhoff (B).
West Ham: Ferguson; Bonds, Lampard, Martin (Brush), Taylor (T), Green, Curbishley, Holland, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

MIDDLESBROUGH 0
EVERTON 0 15,969
Middlesbrough: Brown; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Johnson, Hedley, Cummins, Ashcroft (Hickton), McAndrew, Armstrong.
Everton: Wood; Robinson, Jones, Lyons, Wright, Pearson, King, Dobson, Latchford, Telfer, Thomas.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Q.P.R. (2) 3 (Givens, McGee, Hollins) 13,000
Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattress, Kennedy, Barton, Blackley, Nulty, Barrowclough, Burns, Mitchell, Larnach, Walker (McGhee).
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, McGee (Goddard), Williams, James, Bowles, Givens

W.B.A. (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (3) 3 (Deehan, Cowans, Mortimer) 35,000
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan (Wile), Statham, Brown (T), Robson, Robertson, Cantello, Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Cunningham.
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Evans, Gregory, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cowans, Carrodus.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Radford)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Calvert) 8,997
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Waddington, Brotherton, Radford, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe (Taylor).
Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Keeley, Flynn, Woodward, Edwards, Campbell, Hamson, Stainrod.

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Hatton)
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Miller, Syrett pen.) 5,376
Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Milligan, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Tong, Ainscow (Groves), Walsh, Hatton, Thompson.
Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby, Bird, Miller, Martin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

BRISTOL R (1) 4 (Williams, Randall 2, White)
STOKE (1) 1 (Crooks) 8,182
Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Williams, Harding, Prince, Barry, Pullis, Gould, White, Randall.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Conroy, O'Callaghan, Busby, Crooks (Gregory).

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop)
BOLTON (0) 0 12,566
Cardiff: Healey; Thomas (Bishop), Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Dwyer, Went, Evans, Buchanan.
Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.

CHARLTON (2) 3 (Shipperley 2, Robinson)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Cochrane, Smith) 6,511
Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman (Madden), Shipperley, Dugdale, Gritt, Burman, Peacock, Brisley, Robinson.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Robinson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Smith.

FULHAM (0) 0
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Lee) 10,743
Fulham: Peyton; Money, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Gale, Davis, Greenaway, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.
Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Mehmet, Kitchener, Hazell, Lee, Hamilton, Seaman, Walker, Allen.

LUTON (0) 1 (Hill)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (MacDougall, Peach pen.) 14,302
Luton: Aleksic; Carr (Jones), Price, Hill, McNichol, Futcher (P), Stein, West, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.
Southampton: Wells; Andrzejewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Funnell

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Vinter, Bradd)
C. PALACE (0) 0 7,710
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Hunt, Carter, McVay, Bradd, Mann, Vinter.
Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Fenwick, Cannon, Gilbert, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Hilaire, Harkouk, Silkman.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Young)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Towner) 10,249
Oldham: Platt; Hoolickin, Edwards (S), Bell, Edwards (P), Hurst, Gardner, Taylor, Young, Halom, Hilton.

Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Poskett, Clark, O'Sullivan (Potts).

ORIENT (0) 2 (Kitchen, Clarke)
HULL (0) 1 (Warboys) 5,776
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Banjo (Mayo), Gray, Clarke, Kitchen, Bennett.
Hull: Blackburn; Dobson, DeVries, Roberts, Croft, Haigh, Hood, Nisbet, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Taylor, Duncan)
SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Rowell, Lee 2) 38,220
Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Huddle, Armstrong, Perryman, Pratt (Lee), McNab, Jones, Duncan, Taylor.
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Rostorn, Gregoire (Elliott), Lee, Docherty, Rowell

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (1) 1 (Rowland)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Binney) 3,177

Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Wilson, Stanton, Farrell, Rowland, Johnson, Robins.
Plymouth: Hodge; Taylor, Uzzell, Harrison, Foster, Horswill, Johnson, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Trusson

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Walker)
CHESTER (0) 2 (Oakes, Phillips) 3,753
Chesterfield: Tingay; Tarrt, Burton, Pollard, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack (Green), Fern, Simpson, Walker, Kowalski.
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jefferies, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Howat, Mellor, Phillips.

EXETER 0
COLCHESTER 0 3,853
Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Delve, Giles, Bowker, Hodge, Kellow, Randall, Ingham, Holman.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Allinson, Wignall.

LINCOLN (2) 3 (Wigginton pen., Neale, Fleming)
BRADFORD C. (0) 2 (Johnson, Dolan pen.) 4,121
Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Hobson, Wigginton, Cooper, Fleming, Neale, Graham, Harford, Cox.
Bradford C: Downsbrough; Podd, Spark, Watson, Middleton, Fretwell, Johnson, Dolan, Wright, McNiven, Hutchins.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robson)
TRANMERE (0) 0 8,889
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley (Carmichael), Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Craven (Peplow), Philpotts, Parry, Cliff, Tynan, Moore, Evans, Allen.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
PRESTON (0) 2 (Bruce, Elwiss) 6,866
Portsmouth: Middleton; Wilson, Viney, Ellis, Foster, Denyer, Pullar, Lathan, Garwood, Piper (S), Mellows.
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Elwiss, Bruce.

PORT VALE (0) 0
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bonnyman) 3,942
Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Hawkins, Bentley, Sutcliffe (Froggatt), Lamb, Beamish, Moore, Bailey.
Carlisle: Swinburne; Collins, McCartney, McDonald, Sawyers, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Kemp, Hamilton.

SHEFF. WED. 0
CAMBRIDGE 0 11,512
Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Mullen, Wyld (Leman), Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Hornsby.
Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Smith, Murray, Spriggs, Cozens, Finney, Biley.



Don Givens scored Rangers' first goal in their 3-0 away win at Newcastle.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Biggins)
OXFORD (0) 0 2,510
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Keay, Hayes, Lindsay, Irvine, Maguire, Atkins, Biggins, Turner.
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Stott, Bodell, Jeffrey, McGrogan (White), Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

SWINDON (0) 1 (Cunningham)
HEREFORD (0) 0 4,270
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Ford, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophet, Moss, Carter, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Barton, Phillips, Sheedy, Crompton, Spiring (Bouston), Holmes.

WALSALL (1) 2 (Birch, Dennehy)
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Overton) 4,707
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Austin, Buckley, Birch.
Gillingham: Wheatley; Knight, Hughes, Overton, Young, Crabbe, Walker (Armstrong), Nicholl, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

WREXHAM (5) 7 (Thomas, Lyons, Whittle 3, 2 pens., Shinton, Cartwright)
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Phillips) 16,586
Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis (Cegielski), Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle, Cartwright.
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Spencer, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Showers)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 2,518
Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler, Impy, Brown, Borthwick, Johnson, Showers (Riley), Finnigan, Lennard, Paterson.
Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Booth, Waters, Hanvey, Moore, Lester, Partridge, Donovan, Ford, Broily (Cumming).

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (McCulloch, Phillips pen.)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 11,930
Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrubb, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton (Lloyd), Graham (J), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.
Darlington: Owers; Cochrane, Craig, Crosson, Hague, Walker, Maitland, Young, Seal (Jones), Stone, Wann.

CREWE (1) 2 (Bevan, Bowles pen.)
DONCASTER (0) 0 2,126
Crewe: Crudginton; Bevan, Bowles, Lugg, Roberts, Rimmer, Davies (D), Cheatham, Coyne, Spence, Tully.
Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Olney, Taylor, Miller, Bowden, Habbins, Owen, McConville (Cannell).

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Bell)
WATFORD (1) 1 (How) 3,542
Halifax: Leonard; Bradley (Bullock), Trainer, Smith, Burke, Loska, Firth, Flavell, Mountford, Lawson, Bell.
Watford: Rankin; How, Pritchett, Booth, McLaughlin, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Mercer, Joslyn (Blissett), Bond.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Houchen)
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Goddard) 1,988
Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Creamer, Lawrence, Ayre, Smith (G), Gaffney, Linacre, Houchen, Foggon, Larkin (Bielby).
Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Relish, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Vaughan, Goddard, Sinclair, Clark (Lowndes), Williams.

NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Robertson, Reilly, Christie)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Bartley) 4,865
Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, McGowan (Wassall), Christie.
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bruton, Moore, James (R), James (A) (Griffiths), Toshack, Bartley.

READING 0
BARNSELY 0 13,708
Reading: Turner; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Nelson, Lewis (Williams), Davies.
Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Riley, Joicey, Prendergast, Little, Brown.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Oates)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Brodie) 2,555
Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Keeley, Couch, Wigg.

Aldershot: Johnson; Dixon, Wooler (Hooper), Crosby, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Cooper)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Goldthorpe) 1,465
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Cooper, Wilson, Jones (Nolan), Gay, Brookfield.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Branagan, Butler, Hart, Goldthorpe, Armstrong, Gray.

TORQUAY (2) 3 (Dunne, Coffill, Boulton)
YORK (0) 0 1,958
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Dunne, Coffill, Boulton, Cooper, Lawrence, Tomlin.
 York: Neenan; Clements (Taylor), Bainbridge, Scott, Topping, Young, Novacki, Hunter, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Briley, Leslie)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,763
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Briley, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Bassett, Connell, Cork, Parsons.
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Fletcher, Smith, Park, Summerbee, Halford (Howard), Prudham, Massey, McBeth.

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ABERDEEN (1) 4 (Harper 3, Miller)
ST. MIRREN (2) 2 (McGarvey, Bone) 17,250
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Ritchie, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Fleming, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson.
 St. Mirren: McCulloch; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Abercrombie (Young), Stark, Bone, Richardson, McGarvey.

AYR (1) 2 (Phillips, McLelland)
HIBS (0) 0 2,550
 Ayr: McLean; Wells, Connor, McSherry, Fleming, Kelly, McLaughlin (Hyslop), Phillips, McLelland, McCulloch, Cramond.
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, McGhee, Duncan, Higgins.

CELTIC (3) 5 (Glavin, Marr o.g., Doyle 2, Craig)
PARTICK (0) 2 (Somner, Houston) 16,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Craig, Cochroy, McCluskey, Glavin, McAdam, Doyle.
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, Marr, Houston, O'Hara, Somner, Love, McQuade.

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McCormick pen.) 3,068
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller, McLaren, McLeod, Marinello, Pettigrew, Clinging, Davidson (Kennedy), Mungall (Lindsay).
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Gourlay, Abel, Fallon, McCormick, Houston, Geighan, Gervaise, Miller, McColl, Ronald.

RANGERS (2) 3 (Jackson, Jardine pen., Cooper)
DUNDEE UTD. (0) 0 28,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean (Parrlane), Russell, Johnstone, Smith (Watson), Cooper.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Holt, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Addison, Robinson, Bourke, Stewart, Payne (Kirkwood).

MONDAY, APRIL 24

SECOND DIVISION

MANSFIELD (2) 3 (Miller, Aston 2)
BRISTOL R (0) 0 6,121
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby, Bird, Miller, Martin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Pulis, Harding, Prince, Barry, Williams, Gould, White (Hendrie), Randall.

THIRD DIVISION

PORT VALE (0) 0
COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Allinson, Foley 2) 3,684
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths (Sutcliffe), Ridley, Hawkins, Bentley, Moore, Lamb, Froggatt, Beamish, Bailey.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie, Wignall, Downman, Dyer, Packer (Cotton), Foley, Gough, Allinson.

FOURTH DIVISION

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Hilditch)
READING (0) 0 1,004

Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, Hart, Seddon, Scott, Bannon, Tarbuck, Scaife, Owen, Hilditch, O'Loughlin.
 Reading: Turner; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Kearns (Wanklyn), Lewis, Davies.

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Massey)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 2,394
 Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Fletcher, Smith, Park, Massey, Loadwick, Summerbee, Prudham, McBeth.
 Southend: Freeman; Dudley, Banks, Laverick, Townsend, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Goodwin, Fell.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

FIRST DIVISION

BRISTOL C (0) 0
MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Pearson) 25,858
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Mann, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Cormack (Mabutt), Whitehead.
 Man. U: Roche; Albiston, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Nicholl, Coppell, Jordan, Pearson, Grimes, Greenhoff (B).

IPSWICH (0) 0
NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 (Mariner o.g., Clark) 30,062
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osbourne (Lambert), Wark, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, O'Hare, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe (Clark), Gemmill, Robertson.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Fairclough)
ARSENAL (0) 0 38,318
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady (Matthews), Rix, MacDonald, Stapleton, Hudson.

MAN. CITY (2) 3 (Kidd, Hartford, Owen pen.)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Green) 32,412
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Power.
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Holton (Thompson), Osgood, Green, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Beck.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Johnston)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2) 13,247
 Middlesbrough: Brown; Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 West Ham: Ferguson; Bonds, Lampard, Martin, Taylor (T), Green, Curbishley, Holland, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

Q.P.R. 0
BIRMINGHAM 0 16,049
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Williams (Goddard), McGee, James, Bowles, Givens.
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Page, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Broadhurst, Dillion, Francis, Bertschin, Emmanuel, Fox.

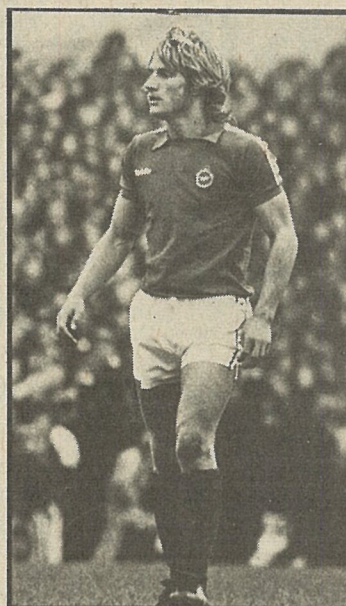
W.B.A. (2) 3 (Regis 2, Hughes)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Telfer) 29,500
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson; Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Robson, Regis, Hughes, Cunningham.
 Everton: Wood; Robinson, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Telfer, Thomas.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Poskett)
CHARLTON (0) 0 31,203
 Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Townner, Ward, Poskett, Clark (Potts), O'Sullivan.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Madden, Shipperley, Dugdale, Brisley, Gritt, Robinson, Peacock, Burman (Shaw).

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Fletcher, Noble)
FULHAM (0) 0 9,462
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Robinson, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Smith.
 Fulham: Peyton; Money, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Gale, Lovell, Davies, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.

C. PALACE (2) 2 (Swindlehurst, Chatterton pen.)
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Burridge o.g., McEwan) 11,115
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Silkman, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Harkouk.



Brighton's Paul Clark had a fine game in his side's 1-0 victory v. Charlton.

Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Weston, Thompson, McEwan, Suddaby, Tong, Ronson, Walsh, Hatton, Ainscow.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Price o.g.)
LUTON (0) 0 7,334
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Mehmet, Kitchener, Hazell, Lee, Hamilton, Seaman (Pearson), Walker, Allen.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Jones, Hill, McNichol, Futch (P), Stein, West, Futch (R), Fuccillo (Ingram), Boersma.

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 2 (Woodward, Edwards) 8,234
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Hunt, Carter (Hooks), McVay, Bradd, Mann, Vinter.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Keeley, Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Hamson, Stainrod.

ORIENT (1) 1 (Mayo)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Funnell) 18,000
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Payne, Hoadley, Roeder, Clarke, Gray, Bennett, Kitchen, Mayo.
 Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering (Hebberd), Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Funnell.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 1 (McIlwraith)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Crompton) 2,536
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Bailey, Wilson, Stanton, Farrell, Rowland, Johnson (Suddick), McIlwraith.
 Hereford: Hughes; Bouston, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Barton, Emery, Sheedy, Crompton, Spiring, Holmes.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Sweetzer)
WREXHAM (0) 0 9,698
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Smith, Cozens, Spriggs, Sweetzer, Finney, Biley.
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Griffiths, Whittle, Cartwright (Hill).

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Phillips, Stancliffe)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce) 6,646
 Rotherham: McAlister; Pugh, Breckin, Forrest, Stancliff, Green, Dawson (Young), Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross (Doyle), Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Elwiss, Bruce.

SHREWSBURY (3) 3 (Biggins, Atkins, Irvine)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Fear pen.) 2,308
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Keay, Hayes, Lindsay (Griffin), Irvine, Maguire, Biggins, Atkins, Turner.
 Plymouth: Hodge; Harrison, Uzzell (Bason), Horswill, Foster, James, Taylor, Fear, Perrin, Binney, Rogers.

WALSALL (1) 1 (Buckley)
SHEFF. WED (1) 1 (Tynan) 5,232
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Austin, Buckley, Birch.
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Mullen, Nimmo, Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Hornsby.

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Dungworth, McGregor) 1,953
 Crewe: Crudgington; Bevan, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Hollinshead, Cheetham, Coyne, Spence (Collier), Tully.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Dixon, Howitt, Longhorn, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor (Hooper).

BOURNEMOUTH 0
DONCASTER 0 1,654
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler, Impey, Brown, Riley, Paterson, Showers, Finnigan, Lennard, Johnson.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Robinson, Bowden (McConville), Olney, Taylor, Miller, Owen, Habbins, Snodin, Laidlaw.

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Waters, Lester)
SOUTHPORT (0) 0 3,966
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Ford, Donovan, Lester, Cumming, Brolly.
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Higham, Wilson, Cooper, Gay, Jones, Birchall, Brookfield (Hilton).

HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Ayre 2, Larkin)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Homes pen., Brown) 1,926
 Hartlepool: Livesey; Malone, Creamer, Hogan, Ayre, Smith (G), Linacre, Gaffney, Houchen, Foggon (Lawrence), Larkin.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Branagan, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Brown, Butler, Hart, Goldthorpe, Armstrong, Jameson (Johnson).

NEWPORT (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Connell) 2,112
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Relish, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Vaughan, Goddard, Clark, Sinclair, Williams.
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Briley, Bradley, Donaldson, Cowley, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

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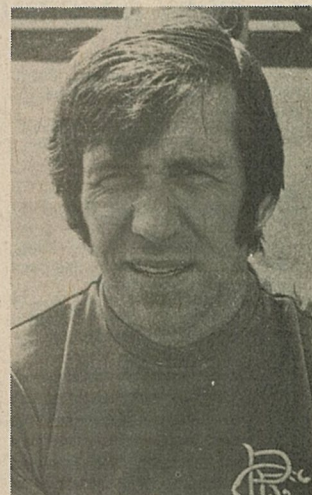
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'I want clubs to be afraid of Bristol City'

*says Alan Dicks,
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ALAN Dicks could not have had a better managerial apprenticeship. He worked as assistant to the flamboyant Jimmy Hill for six years at Coventry City whilst the club jumped from the Third to the First Division.

Dicks had seen and done it all with Hill. The two parted company shortly after Coventry had climaxed the heady days in the lower Divisions with promotion to the First in 1967.

Hill turned his talented hand to the world of television. Dicks walked into Ashton Gate in October, 1967, a man with a mission.

As Bristol City were bottom of the Second Division, he couldn't have faced a much bigger challenge. Dicks' priority was to keep them alive, then steer them towards the First Division.

He has done that. Although Dicks has known hard times, and disgruntled fans have called for his head on more than one occasion, he is still with Bristol City. It's been 11 years of hard work, sweat and heartache. But the longest serving manager in the Football League seems to have got it right.

City joined football's élite for the first time in 65 years, two seasons ago.

Slide

The "experts" scoffed. They expected to see them slide straight back and Dicks to go the way of so many other managers — out!

They were nearly right. City stayed in the First Division in 1976-77 season — but only after a traumatic last game of the season at Coventry.

Bristol trailed 2-0 with less than a quarter of an hour to go. A draw was the least they could get out of the game to survive. Goals from Gerry Gow and Donny Gillies kept them up.

Bristol have just completed a second season with the "big boys". The former Leeds stalwart Norman Hunter must take a lot of credit for that. So, too, Peter Cormack and Joe Royle. But, of course, they are not the only players at Bristol.

Success has been a team effort, but Dicks, the puppeteer, has always pulled the strings.

"I give the players enormous scope," says Dicks. "I invite them to pick holes in my arguments. They do — and I've known one or two to be right!"

But the discussion of team

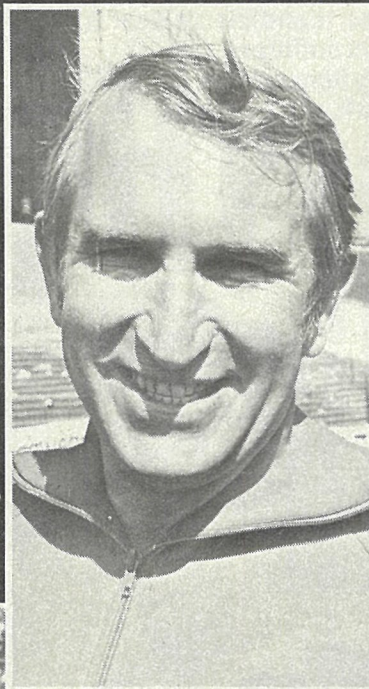
matters stops there. Dicks does not approve of interference from directors at Bristol City.

"Some directors believe if they put £5,000 in the kitty it buys them the right to pick a team. Then, if things go wrong, they blame the manager and he gets the sack."

Alan Dicks is rightly proud of what he has achieved at Ashton Gate. But he is thirsty for much more success.

"Soon other clubs are going to look at the fixture list and be frightened of us. That is my ultimate target," he says.

Some clubs may already be scared of the men from Ashton Gate, but for the wrong reasons.



City had five players sent-off last season — and 39 bookings!

Dicks, who believes in his players competing for everything does not condone that record. "It is difficult when players have got competitive spirits, but they must learn not to retaliate," he says.

"We lost a lot of players through suspension last season. It cost us valuable points. Retaliation is bound to end with a player being ordered from the field — and that could cost us our First Division status."

After Dicks has put in such a lot of hard work at Ashton Gate, that would be a tragedy. He has recently been awarded a five-year contract at Bristol, proof of how highly the board regard their manager.

With the determined, effusive Dicks at the helm the West Country club can certainly look forward to a bright future.



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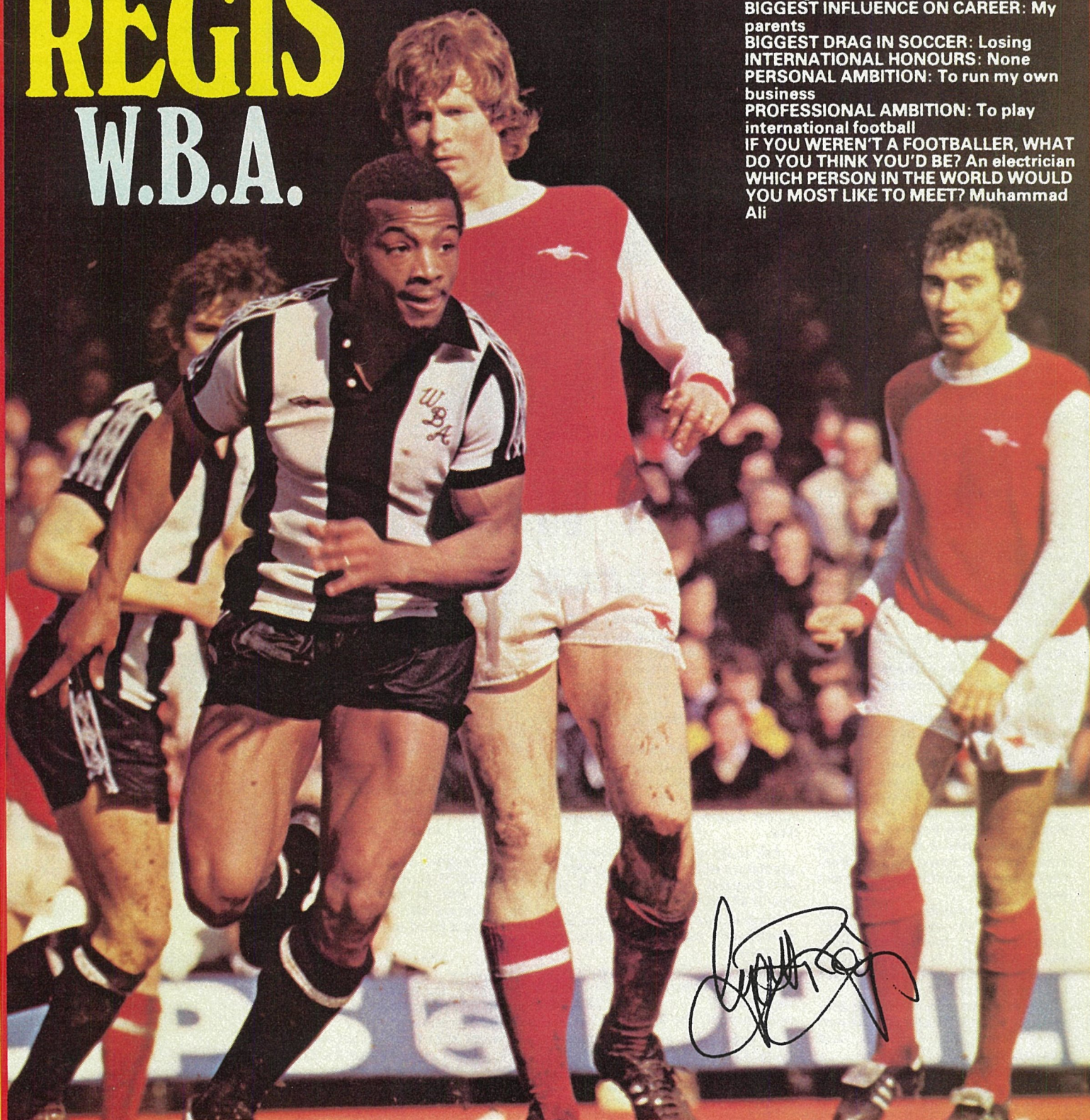


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PREVIOUS CLUB: Non-League Hayes
MARRIED: No
CAR: No
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tottenham
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for Albion
BIGGEST THRILL: When I was asked to sign for West Brom

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None so far
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: I've only been to Arabia and China
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Flying
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Waiting
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BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
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PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play international football
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? An electrician
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali



SHOOT!

SORRY Scotland, but I fancy Brazil to win the World Cup for the fourth time in their glorious history.

Forget the vicious tackling against England at Wembley, this squad is more than equipped to carry off the trophy in Argentina.

Foul tackles apart I liked the way Brazil played at Wembley. They are a superb side combining natural skills with necessary aggression.

After the match, some Brazilians said they were provoked by the booing of their national anthem before the kick-off.

That was disgusting. Even watching on TV I was so ashamed of our supporters. But I don't think that was the only reason for resorting to brutal tactics.

Brazil won't have to kick opponents in Argentina to win the World Cup.

After being booted out of the 1966 tournament in England, they are determined not to allow that to happen again.

Brazil have hardened their approach. There's no way they will be muscled off the park now, or intimidated as they were in '66.

I'm sure we'll see the old Brazilian magic working in Argentina, just as we did in brief spells at Wembley.

England had 95 per cent. of the play yet failed to win. To be honest I thought the Brazilians could have beaten us if they'd concentrated on skill rather than brawn.

Everytime Rivelino or Edinho got the ball the crowd buzzed with expectation. And Gil's goal was sheer world class.

Minnows

Not that I want to take anything away from England. There's no doubt we shook the World Cup favourites to prove we are on our way back and should have been playing in Argentina.

Okay, I realise England failed to qualify for the second time in succession, but I still believe we should be out there, along with all the other big soccer nations.

All past winners of the World Cup should qualify automatically for the Finals.

Naturally fans enjoy seeing the Koreans, Haitis and Irans take on the cream of the soccer world. The minnows v. the giants always creates typical Cup-tie atmosphere... but this shouldn't happen at the expense of the likes of England, Russia, and even Portugal.

Little countries in the World Cup Finals is good news for the countries involved, not for the game as a whole.

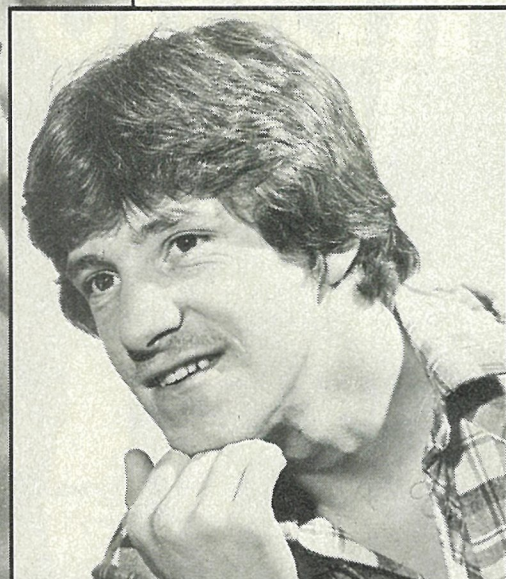
Raise the number of Finalists from 16 to 20, even if it means extending the tournament by a week. After all it is the World Cup Finals and only takes place once every four years.

More places means the smaller nations will still be able to take part along with the Englands and Russias.

How can we honestly call it the World Cup Finals without the top soccer nations being involved?



Scotland's Willie Johnston must curb his aggression.



sion to Brazil and Sweden, the first time this had happened during Helmut Schoen's reign as manager.

If I know Herr Schoen he will be delighted West Germany have had a bad spell before the World Cup Finals.

There is always the danger of hitting peak form too early.

West Germany will be totally prepared by the time they kick-off the defence of their crown against Poland on Thursday (June 1st).

One question mark against them... the loss of Franz Beckenbauer. Just how much they will miss his experience and influence in Argentina only the next few weeks will tell.

Hungary are in a tough draw,

'PAST WINNERS SHOULD WORLD CUP

I really feel strongly about this and not only because England failed to qualify.

F.I.F.A. should revise the qualifying draws and sections to avoid the likes of Italy clashing with England.

To have two strong countries fighting to knock each other out of the competition at such an early stage is like expecting Manchester United to play against Liverpool in the First Round of the F.A. Cup.

The greatest tournament in the world would have even more prestige and appeal with every leading soccer nation taking part in Argentina.

Ask most managers, players and spectators who they would prefer to see England or Iran and I'll bet they'll all agree England.

Biggest threat to Brazil this year won't come from Iran though, but Argentina.

You must fancy the host nation to do well in the Finals. Everything is in their favour... crowd, climate, environment, the lot.

In practically every tournament since the beginning in 1930, the home country has either won the World Cup, or reached the closing stages.

my soccer scene

GORDON HILL

So my second favourites are Argentina.

The biggest danger from Europe could come from Italy, West Germany, and of course, Scotland. Hungary are also fancied by many critics as a good outside bet for the Cup.

Italy, although not very impressive against England at Wembley, are similar in style to the South American countries, in skill and temperament.

Forget about the recent indifferent form of current World Champions West Germany.

As you probably know they recently lost two matches in succes-



along with Italy, France and Argentina.

Their manager Lajos Baroti, at 63 the oldest manager in the World Cup Finals, is also one of the shrewdest.

Mr. Baroti is one reason why I reckon Hungary could do well and at least qualify for the Second Round at the expense of Italy.

Two others are a 23-year-old midfielder with some of the skills of Johan Cruyff, Andras Torocskik and 6ft. 3ins. striker Tibor Nyilasi, who has only recently fully recovered from a fractured skull.

From what I've seen and read, this pair could well become stars of the World Cup Finals.

I definitely believe Scotland will at least reach the Second Round. They were desperately unlucky not to have progressed to the closing stages in West Germany four years ago.

No team beat them, but they failed to score enough goals. This time Peru and Iran could feel the full force of Ally's Army.

The only danger in Scotland's group will obviously come from Holland. But with no Cruyff, one wonders just how they will cope with his absence, despite the skills of Krol, Neeskens and Rensenbrink.

The two key players in Scotland's well-drilled, highly confident squad are Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish, team-mates at Liverpool.

On form Dalglish can prove to be a real match-winner for Scotland.

Souness is the perfect midfielder. Strong in the tackle, great vision, perfect ball control and able to score goals.

The only doubts I have about the Scots is the temperament of several of their players.

Willie Donachie, Manchester City's fiercely competitive full-back, an automatic choice for Scotland, will not be able to play in their opening game against Peru on Saturday, June 3rd.

He had two cautions in World Cup qualifying games and is suspended for the first match.

I also hope Willie's Maine Road team-mate Asa Hartford manages to steer clear of trouble.

Asa, a super player with all the necessary attributes of a world class star can allow his aggressive nature to get the better of him in certain situations.

Foreign teams are experts at intimidation, as Willie Johnston found out to his cost against Argentina on Scotland's summer tour last year.

Willie won't be allowed to run riot down the wing in the World Cup Finals. Defenders will use every underhand trick in the book to get him sent-off again.

"Wild" Willie gets into enough bother in the English League where the tackling isn't nearly so vicious. Let's hope he is able to turn the tartan cheek against provocation in Argentina.

Cheers for now . . . and up Bonnie Scotland. Here's tae ye, lads!

Gordon Hill

QUALIFY FOR FINALS'

Brazil shouldn't have to resort to brutal tactics in Argentina.



FOR ITALY OR ENGLAND?

THAT'S the problem for the Luton lad with the name from Naples. Midfield man PASQUALE "LIL" FUCCILLO, born in Bedford of Italian parents, has a qualification for both Italy and England if international honours are ever imminent.

And Fuccillo, although admitting he would like to play international football for either country, admits he's made up his mind which country's he would prefer to represent.

Fuccillo says: "I would like to play for England really because I feel we have a better future. Player-wise, the English game is much better than the Italian game — but technique-wise, the Italians lead."

"Technique, however, is something we can work on. I believe English football has to improve on the basics — passing, ball control, accurate shooting, and heading. That's where the English game has fallen down in recent years, but I'm convinced it's something that can be put right."

"But the Italians disappoint me. They can play brilliant football if they want to. Their skill would

dence goes, it's desperately hard to find it again.

"A few heads went down in that spell. But I don't think anyone can blame the new gaffer for it. We were certainly sorry to lose Harry Haslam — but we know David Pleat very well: he's been with us three years. So I believe it's not really that."

'Going'

"We will be all right next season. A new start and a few goals will get the team going well again."

The future for Luton can — and will — lie in the First Division, according to Fuccillo. He adds: "We should have gone up in 1976-77. Now we're all determined to make up for that disappointment and last season's failings by doing it next time round."

"David Pleat is, I believe, going to become a good manager. He looks after the players, mixes well with them and knows how they think because it's not long since he finished playing himself. We can do well under him in the future."

rival that of any other country in the world if they concentrated purely on that aspect.

"But they don't. They kick, foul, spit, obstruct — and it is all so unnecessary. If they stopped kicking people, they would be a great footballing nation but I don't believe they can be called that, while they insist on carrying on with those awful tactics."

"I believe they do it because of a lack of concentration. That lapse breaks their rhythm and they start fouling when that happens. That is their weakness."

"They have got talented, skilful players and yet they go out there trying to break opponent's legs. Why they have to resort to such tactics is beyond me."

"I'm sure this side of their play has prevented Italy from becoming the best team in Europe. Italy could easily have been as successful as West Germany over the past ten years if they'd have concentrated more on their natural skills."

Fuccillo has played for only one pro club — Luton. And until recently enjoyed a fine run with The Hatters. But when manger Harry Haslam left for Sheffield United his form suffered. Towards the end of last season results were indifferent and new manager David Pleat had a tough baptism.

But Fuccillo claims there isn't too much wrong with Luton. He says: "I don't believe we had a bad run just because Harry left. The confidence simply drained away after a series of poor results and performances. And once the confi-



Week Ending NOVEMBER 12 SUPERMAC SENSATION

SURPRISE of Ron Greenwood's 22-man squad for next week's Wembley World Cup clincher with Italy is the inclusion of West Ham's battling skipper, Billy Bonds, at the age of 31. Other uncapped players in the squad are Bob Latchford, and youngsters Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes.

And is "Supermac", former goal-hero of Tyneside, booked for a return? Despite being under the shadow of the axe, manager Richard Dinnis is seriously planning a sensational deal to snatch back Macdonald from Arsenal in a desperate bid to boost Newcastle's sagging fortunes.

There's nearly a big early League Cup upset when Luton go two-up against highly-fancied Manchester City — only to go down again just at the end of extra-time.

Would "Supermac" really have been enticed back to Newcastle? Now we probably will never know as the man behind the move, manager Dinnis, gets fired after a two-hour board meeting.

More transfer speculation — this time from Manchester, where the grapevine has it that United may release Gordon Hill in a swap deal involving Tottenham's Peter Taylor.

And more transfer disappointment for Q.P.R. Frantic for new players to boost their performances, £250,000 is offered for Teddy Maybank and Tony Gale. But, despite their pressing cash problems, Fulham give a firm thumbs-down.

Much greater bother at Newcastle — where players, angered at Dinnis's sacking, are in a state of near-revolt.

Several have already put in transfer requests.

There are a few shocks on the Saturday, but happily most of Greenwood's merry men for the Italian job steer clear of injury.

In-trouble Q.P.R. hit back to blast Liverpool — the Reds' fourth defeat on the trot, and their worst run in the League since Christmastime, 1971. Manchester United, beaten by Forest, also lose their fourth successive game — and are now right in the relegation zone.

Malcolm Macdonald is sent-off early against Coventry, but ten-men Arsenal skilfully hang on for a point — looking more and more a side which could win something this season.

More British players eye the Continental scene — but one "exile" may be on the road back. "The Doc" wants Roger Davies from Bruges, for whom he left Derby, and is offering the Belgians £175,000.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Sunderland; Cambridge; Swansea.

TOTAL GOALS: 123.

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Curtis (Swansea v. Crewe).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. One, Forest; Div. Two, Bolton; Div. Three, Wrexham; Div. Four, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 42,651 — Man. City v. Leeds.

TOTAL GATE: 567,528.

AVERAGE GATE: 13,198.

OLD FIRM THRILLER

GOALS — and the lack of them — are the feature of the weekend programme, with, not unnaturally, the Celtic v. Rangers League game making the biggest headlines.

The 1-1 draw with goals from — surprise, surprise — Derek Johnstone and Tom McAdam provides a thriller for the 56,000 all-ticket sell-out crowd.

These two goals provide half the total for the entire Premier Division and indeed fans at the Dundee v. St. Johnstone game saw twice as many goals in the home side's 5-3 win as were scored in the whole of the Premier Division.

The scoring rate in the midweek League Cup Quarter-Finals is more impressive however, with three teams winning 3-1 and Queen of the South

and Forfar, once the worst team in the land drawing 3-3 at Palmerston.

Meanwhile the rest of these 3-1 victors are Dundee United over Hearts, Rangers over Dunfermline and Celtic over St. Mirren.

And with Willie Fernie's job up for grabs at Kilmarnock, John Greig denies rumours he has applied for the post.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

TOTAL GOALS: 42.

TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers.

PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 87,000.

HIGHEST GATE: Celtic v. Rangers 56,000.

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Dundee.

Week Ending NOVEMBER 19 ENGLAND BEAT ITALY

ARE super Liverpool, the modern giants of English football, on the slide at last? Manager Bob Paisley flays his apparently fading Reds — four successive defeats, and already six points adrift from the top — saying: "Some of our players have been so spoilt by success they seem to think they have a divine right to win every game."

It's a good omen, with a vital Wembley World Cup-tie 24 hours off, when England's women's team beat Italy 1-0 at Wimbledon.

Meanwhile — of more interest to male chauvinist pigs! — Greenwood ends speculation by naming "exile" Kevin Keegan in his line-up. The basic blend is much as before — but there's a decidedly interesting trio of newcomers in Latchford, Barnes, and Coppell.

Comes the big night — and England at last recapture their fighting heart and competitive spirit. A goal in each half, from Keegan and Brooking, efficiently see-off Italy 2-0.

In terms of rejuvenated pride and prestige, it's spot-on — but, in more practical terms, it's really come too late. Italy still have only to brush aside the challenge of the Luxembourg amateurs in Rome next month by a lone goal to book their passage to Argentina on goal-difference.

In other World Cup-ties, Northern Ireland beat Belgium for their best victory for two years, and Wales go down 0-1 to the Czechs — but neither result now has any significance towards Argentina.

But another international star returns to the field on the same night. Only 132 spectators see former England skipper Gerry Francis attempt another competi-

tive comeback — for Q.P.R. reserves — but it's a start, and Gerry's knee stands up better than expected.

After the workmanlike Italian demolition job, it's beginning to look more and more likely that man-in-possession Ron Greenwood will be asked to stay put after his "probation". Significantly, the players seem to back him wholeheartedly — despite Cloughie still being the "peoples' choice".

But one definite managerial appointment is made at Newcastle, who entice experienced Bill McGarry — back from 14 months in the lucrative Middle East — into their very hot hot-seat.

There's no instant McGarry magic, though, as Newcastle lose their fifth home game out of eight to Arsenal next day — and remain dolefully propping-up the First Division with a beggarly six points out of a possible 32.

And there's no happy return to Elland Road for Brian Clough — 44 explosive days there in 1974 — as a single Hankin goal is enough to dish Forest and cut their table-top lead to two points.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Coventry.

TOTAL GOALS: 102.

HAT-TRICKS: Nil.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. One, Forest; Div. Two, Bolton; Div. Three, Wrexham; Div. Four, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 48,129 — Man. Utd. v. Norwich.

TOTAL GATE: 561,891.

AVERAGE GATE: 12,215.

TWO OFF AT IBROX

FIELD misconduct again becomes the main feature of Rangers v. St Mirren Premier Division action.

This time Bobby Reid of Saints and Tommy McLean of Rangers head for an early bath at Ibrox.

Rangers win 2-1 with midfielder Alex MacDonald again in scintillating form and Ibrox boss Jock Wallace calls for the inclusion of the player in the Scotland pool for Argentina.

But Scots manager Ally MacLeod wouldn't hear the plea, for he is in South America with S.F.A. secretary Ernie Walker for top level talks with Argentinian officials about the plans for

the World Cup Finals.

Ally and Ernie take advantage of the trip to check out the hotels and training centres all over the country.

Back home Celtic keep up their Championship challenge with a fine 3-2 win over Aberdeen at Parkhead.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

TOTAL GOALS: 59.

TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers.

PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 64,000.

HIGHEST GATE: Celtic v. Aberdeen 27,000.

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Dundee Utd, Hamilton, Forfar, Raith.

BELOW... Bob Latchford had a fine game for England when they beat Italy 2-0 in a World Cup-tie at Wembley. RIGHT... Johan Cruyff (left) and Mick Mills before the Barcelona and Ipswich U.E.F.A. Cup game at Portman Road.



FAR LEFT... Peter Eastoe of Q.P.R. outjumps Phil Neal of Liverpool during a League clash at Loftus Road. The Londoners won 2-0. Glasgow Rangers' Derek Johnstone (left).



1977-78 SEASON IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Week Ending NOVEMBER 26 COSMOS EYE TUEART

WEEK opens with star transfer-talk — of the long-distance variety. Ajax, three-times-in-a-row European Champions, want Leeds' striker Joe Jordan in an effort to revive their flagging glories — while, across the Atlantic, Cosmos eye Manchester City's Dennis Tueart as a replacement for Pele. And there's another Transatlantic move when Bristol Rovers manager Don Megson resigns — to take charge of Portland Timbers.

Who said Liverpool were fading? A superb 1-1 showing in Hamburg — Kevin Keegan and all — makes them firm favourites to take the European Super Cup when the second-leg comes to Anfield.

It's five-up for England over Spain on the U.E.F.A. Cup front — as first-leg results see Ipswich crushing Cruyff's Barcelona 3-0, and Villa mastering Atletico Bilbao 2-0.

No one can say breezy Brighton aren't ambitious — when they hand out £200,000 (more than double their previous highest fee) to Fulham for striker Teddy Maybank in an attempt to strike First Division gold. And, as he only cost £65,000 from Chelsea just eight months ago, it's a good bet for hard-up Fulham, too.

F.A. Cup-time comes up again — with, at least, the lower Divisions joining in. And Kettering's 1-0 win at Tilbury is helped by schoolboy Scott Endersby — at 15 years/279 days, the youngest player ever to turn out in the competition.

There's the usual quota of Cup upsets

— and, in the League, plenty of goals. Manchester City smash Chelsea 6-2, while Everton hit another half-dozen past Coventry without reply.

And the Liverpool recovery from their uncharacteristic mini-slump continues with a convincing 4-0 away victory over luckless Leicester. Just to inspire them, Forest drop a home point to up-coming West Bromwich, cutting their once-hefty lead at the top of the table to a single point.

But the weekend's real smash-hit is Everton's former England striker Joe Royle. Signed on loan less than 48 hours earlier, he cracks in all four Bristol City goals against Middlesbrough. First Division hat-tricks, too, for Bob Latchford and Dennis Tueart.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 6 — Everton; Man. City.
TOTAL GOALS: 141.
HAT-TRICKS: League 3 — Royle (Bristol C. v. Middlesbrough); Latchford (Everton v. Coventry); Tueart (Man. City v. Chelsea).
F.A. Cup 3 — Brown (Leamington v. Enderby); Crossley (Chester v. Darlington); Smith (Scarborough v. Rochdale).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. One, Forest; Div. Two, Bolton; Div. Three, Wrexham; Div. Four, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 43,279 — Everton v. Coventry.
TOTAL GATE: 653,962.
AVERAGE GATE: 10,720.

FANS IN ROW AT MORTON

WINTER starts to bite and the biggest victims of the first frosts are the fans who travel to Kilbowie and Cappielow.

At Kilbowie Park, the Clydebank v Celtic Premier Division match is abandoned with the score at 1-1 — which ironically enough, is to be the final score when the match is replayed some five months later!

And there are angry scenes at Cappielow where the Morton v St Johnstone game is called off only 30 minutes before the kick-off. Fans demand their money back and officials of both clubs admit surprise the match isn't played.

Two other matches are postponed altogether, but the weather doesn't hamper Rangers' march to the Championship. They thrash Ayr United 5-0 at

Somerset.

And there is good news for Scotland in the European Youth Championship. The boys defeat Denmark 2-0 in Scandinavia.

In the first-leg of the Anglo-Scottish Cup Final St Mirren fall 2-1 to Bristol City at Love Street and leave themselves what is surely too much to do in the second-leg at Ashton Gate.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

TOTAL GOALS: 43.
TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers.
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 56,000.
HIGHEST GATE: Ayr v Rangers 18,000.
HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Rangers

Week Ending DECEMBER 3 CUP SHOCKS

NO sooner is one F.A. Cup round played than the League Cup returns. Third Division Bury create the big shock by ousting West Bromwich, and Liverpool are surprisingly held to an Anfield draw by Coventry. Giantkillers Bury are now due to play host to 11-to-4 favourites Forest in the next round.

But there are still F.A. Cup replays to be settled — and remember how Hereford's giantkilling exploits substantially helped them to achieve League status not so long ago? Now the boot is on the other foot — when they're themselves K.O'd 3-2 at home by Southern League part-timers Wealdstone.

Bestie's in the news again! He's not been seen at Fulham for a couple of months, has been suspended by manager Bobby Campbell — and it's beginning to look as if the brilliant, but wayward, George has played his last game in English football.

Bruges are going well in the European Cup, but it seems as if their British striker, Roger Davies, won't be going any further with them. The former Derby man, homesick, is wanting to get back to our own League, and Q.P.R., West Ham, and Leicester — as well as his old club — are all interested.

Saturday is the day which decides England's flimsy mathematical World Cup hopes — for good. In the event, off-colour Italy only beat Luxembourg 3-0 — but, as a single-goal margin would have been enough, the score is largely academic.

So, with ten points apiece, Italy's superior goal-difference of three is enough to keep England off the Argentina-bound plane.

On the League front, Everton win at Chelsea — and stretch their unbeaten run into a fourth month and a total of 20 games. Now they're only a point behind Forest — and three ahead of arch-rivals Liverpool.

Sad sight, badly adrift at the bottom of the Third Division table, are two clubs with proud histories behind them — Portsmouth and Sheffield Wednesday.

Two points of weekend speculation are who will get the permanent nod as England's manager — it's on the F.A.'s agenda next week — and, as Peter Osgood quits Southampton for American soccer, how many others will have followed by the time their season opens again in April?

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 6 — Sheffield Utd.
TOTAL GOALS: 122.
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Kitchen (Orient v. Mansfield).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. One, Forest; Div. Two, Bolton; Div. Three, Wrexham; Div. Four, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 48,864 — Man Utd. v. Wolves.
TOTAL GATE: 512,566.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,203.

BAD WEATHER HITS CLUBS

THIS time the weather really turns sour on football and the snows come with a vengeance. Only six games are played . . . and only one of them is in the Premier Division.

Immediately the advocates of summer soccer get their oar in and surely with some reason.

It is no fun for the players trying to look skilful on rutted surfaces and even less exciting for fans facing the prospect of frostbite on the terracings.

In that one Premier game Aberdeen thrash Motherwell 4-1 at Pittodrie in front of 9,000.

But if the players and fans feel the cold, think how Ally MacLeod feels. He flies in from South America and meets a blast of icy weather.

Says Ally of his tour of Argentina: "Scotland will play on the finest surfaces in the world."

"The five stadiums for the World Cup Finals are the best I have ever seen. Every one of them is magnificent. The pitches are as good as Wembley."

"There isn't a flaw in the grass because the Argentinians have about 12 men tending the surfaces."

And perhaps ironically enough, Ally's words come as England get confirmation of their World Cup exit . . . Italy 3, Luxembourg 0.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

TOTAL GOALS: 16.
TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers.
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 9,000.
HIGHEST GATE: 9,000 Aberdeen v Motherwell.
HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Aberdeen.

LEFT . . . Joe Royle scored four goals on his debut for Bristol City against Middlesbrough at Ashton Gate. BELOW . . . Four clubs trailed British striker Roger Davies (right).



'IT'S EASY PLAYING FOR RANGERS'- Bobby Russell

IT is now universally agreed Scotland's international side boasts some of the greatest midfielders in the game.

Take a look at the list: Don Masson, Bruce Rioch, Asa Hartford, Graeme Souness, Lou Macari and Archie Gemmill. Six players of passion, power and pace. Six players of undoubted character and class.

"I would have loved to have played in front of them," says the one and only Denis Law. "What a pity I have now retired. And when you consider the likes of Willie Carr and Eddie Gray not being considered that only enhances what everyone says about our midfield."

However, it is an absolute certainty one player will soon be bidding for a place in that coveted midfield. He is Rangers' wonder-boy Bobby Russell, who plays with immaculate perception and amazing intelligence, flitting in and out of open spaces with all the guile of Johnny Giles or the late and great John White, of Spurs.

Billy McNeill, the Aberdeen manager who knows how to judge a good player, rates Russell as one

of the most impressive youngsters to have broken through in Scotland in recent years.

Ibrox manager Jock Wallace has a twinkle in his eye as he says: "Russell is a real old-time player. I suppose you must liken him with past greats such as Jimmy Mason or Patsy Gallagher.

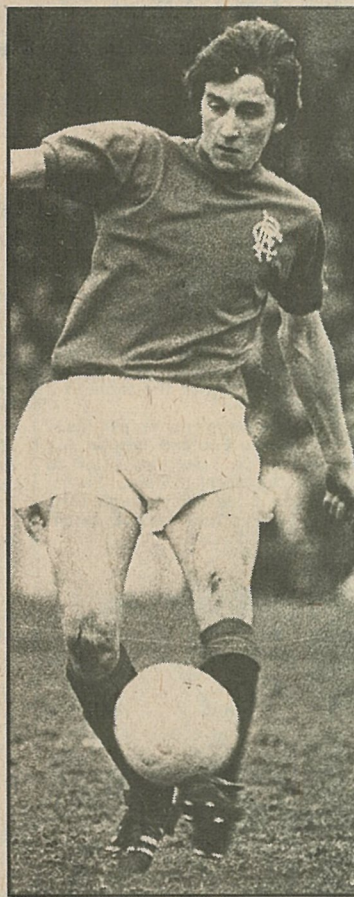
"It's a joy to watch him move around out on that pitch creating space and openings.

"He plays in the old fashioned manner... I suppose that might even be classed as modern these days with the way things go in cycles!"

Russell is the sort of player who looks as though he isn't breaking sweat. He can look like a thoroughbred in among the cart-horses, but the player is quick to say: "I've just been lucky playing in such a good side.

"The players here all fight for you and there are so many choices when you do have the ball. Everyone is running into openings... it's easy playing in this side."

Obviously Russell's feet are



firmly on the ground. He has already been disappointed in his young life. Amazingly, he was FREED by Sunderland and after a short spell in junior soccer North of the border Rangers swooped in swiftly to cash in on the Roker Park club's monumental blunder.

"There was no point in keeping Russell in the reserves," says manager Wallace. "He had the class to do well in the first team right away and that was where I put him.

"It's marvellous to think of the experience he gathered last season. He picked up some medals and he has been well worth them, too. Now he can look forward to the new season and competing in the Champions Cup."

Russell will undoubtedly enjoy pitting his wits in the European arena against some of the best in the world. He could be Rangers' surprise packet on this front where they haven't had much success since they won the Cup-Winners' Cup in Barcelona in '72.

It will be a great adventure and his silky skills and classy composure will surely be appreciated by real soccer fans throughout the globe, although opponents definitely will not share their joy.

Ally MacLeod can rest contented. He has been looking forward to Spain in 1982 and the next World Cup series. Presumably he will not have Rioch, Masson or Gemmill there. But Russell will certainly be ready by then. No doubt about it!

Stars from the Old Firm look back on last season with mixed feelings

THE ear-splitting applause that greeted Alfie Conn to Parkhead 16 months ago was in stark contrast to the deathly silence that shrouded the same park at the end of last season.

Celtic had a nightmare term, winning absolutely nothing, failing to get a place in Europe for the first time in 17 years and Conn, along with Danny McGrain and Pat Stanton, had to watch most of it from the sidelines as the Champions stumbled and finally flopped.

The season was a disaster for Celtic and Conn, a £65,000 buy from Spurs who was being hailed as a genuine bargain by everyone North of the border at one point.

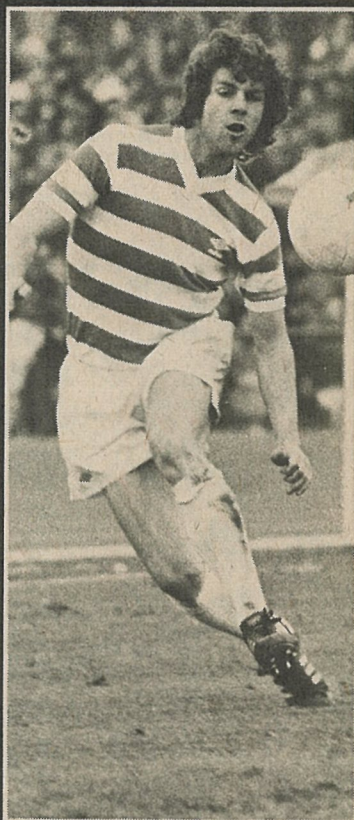
"Nothing went right," says Conn. "From the very first kick-off things went sour.

"We had just returned from our successful tour of Australia and the Far East where we had beaten Arsenal and Red Star Belgrade a couple of times as well as the Australian national side.

"A wonderful trophy was picked up and we were ready to start the season with great confidence despite the transfer of Kenny Dalglish to Liverpool.

"But what happened? In the opening match of the season against Dundee United at Parkhead I was injured.

"It was a daft injury, really. A ball came to me and I turned swiftly, but, unfortunately, my studs caught in the turf and the knee went.



'NOTHING WENT RIGHT'- Alfie Conn (Celtic)

"I had to be carried off and eventually I had to have a cartilage operation. I came back and was in and out of the side before dropping out of things at the end of the season.

"It was hard to take. I wanted so much to be involved, but it wasn't to be, unfortunately."

Conn has flirted with controversy throughout his comparatively short career. The son of a former Hearts player, he decided not to join in father's footsteps and instead went through to Glasgow to sign for Celtic's deadly rivals Rangers.

He found success at Ibrox, but not consistency. He won a European Cup-Winners' Cup medal and a Scottish Cup medal as well as a League Cup badge. Ironically, those two domestic honours were picked up at the expense of his present club Celtic!

In the League game he was immense in the midfield, taking over the role that was played in those days by skipper John Greig. He won the ball, spread it around and linked up well with defence and attack. Celtic couldn't cope and eventually lost 1-0 with Derek Johnstone scoring his storybook goal.

In the Scottish Cup Final five years ago he again starred in his side's 3-2 victory.

He then went South to Spurs in a £135,000 deal, but his stay in London was far from happy. After Bill Nicholson, who had bought him, moved out of the White Hart Lane hot seat, Terry Neill came in and it was no secret the new boss and Conn didn't see eye to eye.

Then Neill moved across to Arsenal, Keith Burkinshaw moved in... and Conn moved out. While Spurs were slipping out of the First Division Conn was celebrating a League and Cup double with Celtic. Everything looked rosy again. But it didn't last.

There has been talk of Celtic placing him on the transfer list. That would be a shame. Conn has the talent to make it to the top again and Celtic will be looking for players of this calibre in the new season as they set about rectifying their present tarnished image.

Conn, looked upon as the man to take over the mantle left by Kenny Dalglish, can still come good. He is the only man who can provide the answers to the questions that hover over his ability.

Next season will be his sternest test...

TWO WHO HELPED THEIR CLUBS WIN THE RELEGATION BATTLE

'Never doubt your own ability'

Glenn Roeder (Orient)



ONE cruel, painful lesson — that's what Orient star Glenn Roeder remembers from the East Londoners' thrilling F.A. Cup run of last season that nearly cost the club a place in the Second Division. Orient swept aside three First Division sides before losing to Arsenal in the Semi-Finals in April and it wasn't until the last game of the term they avoided the drop. It was a great performance by the friendly, little East London club.

Apart from the relegation cliff-hanger, Roeder bears bitter memories of the Semi-Final defeat. And he blames his own attitude — as well as possibly the rest of the sides' approach — for the defeat that snatched away the prize of a Wembley Cup Final appearance.

Roeder explains: "I always believed we could beat the First Division teams we met in the earlier rounds. We dismissed Middlesbrough, Norwich and Chelsea and there was never any stage where I doubted our ability to win the matches. But in the Semi-Final it was different.

"I reckon I went out on to the field believing it was hardly likely we could beat Arsenal. You have to be sure in your own mind if you are to have any chance of beating

anyone but right at the back of my mind, I admit I doubted it.

"I suspect most of the other lads felt the same because we produced probably our worst performance of the season in the Semis. The joke was Arsenal didn't play well either because if they had, they would have probably put seven past us.

"I learned from that experience never again to go out doubting our ability to win a game. The other lads were the same, I think — we all remembered a hard, bitter lesson that day."

Roeder was Orient's player of the year last season after his first year in first-class football. And he believes he has built on that start during the last nine months.

"I wanted to improve one thing especially in my game," he says. "I needed to be sharper off the mark so I was able to handle the really quick players you come up against from time to time. I'm pleased to say that has improved considerably. I no longer worry about being exposed by players with real pace.

'Vision'

"My reading of the game has also got better since I became sweeper in the Orient side. You do have a lot of reading of situations when you play sweeper and it's bound to open up and improve your vision on the field.

"But I don't regard sweeper as a completely defensive position. I think you should go forward into attack as often as possible and if you do, you have the great advantage that you're not very likely to be picked up when you come from deep in defence. That can give you extra space and room in which to help out further forward."

Roeder admits the Cup run helped him catch the spotlight. Critics assessed him as a kid with a golden career, such was his remarkably mature play. Roeder may have a bright future ahead — but there's no danger of him becoming another kid with a swollen head.

"My Dad wouldn't let that happen," he says. "He looks after my progress as keenly as anyone and he criticises when I need it. So I don't feel that's a danger anyway because I'm more aware than most that if you think you know it all, you'll immediately get thumped to the ground and realise what a fool you've been. You never stop learning in this game and I've got to learn a lot, still."

ONE of the brighter aspects of a Millwall season darkened by trouble and struggle was the consistent efficiency of goalkeeper Nicky Johns, a 20-year-old from Bristol who is worthily upholding The Lions' reputation for parading quality 'keepers.

Nicky, a £2,000 signing from Southern League club Minehead, two seasons ago, was given the

home-town teams, but also for their help and encouragement in allowing me to carry on with my engineering studies. So, you see, I've really got to put myself about proving Millwall didn't make a mistake giving me another chance.

"There's another very important thing that has happened to me since coming to The Den, perhaps the most significant factor in my

Sunshine for Nicky Johns at Cold Blow Lane

"cold shoulder" by both his home-town teams, City and Rovers, who, after trials, told the youngster he wasn't good enough to make it in League football.

Which is probably why Johns unhesitatingly rates Millwall's away game against Bristol Rovers in his first term at The Den as the most enjoyable of his career.

"We came back with a point, the match ending in a goalless draw. I was really chuffed about keeping a clean sheet there, as the crowd gave me stick before and during the match. Perhaps this, and the memory of my rejection by the Rovers, helped me pull out that little extra. Yes, I enjoyed that trip back home!

"Mind you, there are still a few folk down there who believe I'm just a flash-in-the-pan, but that doesn't bother me. Although last season was a pretty disastrous one all round, for us, I'm very pleased about my own progress.

'Part-time'

"Since passing my engineering exams last September, I was able to relax and enjoy my football. When I signed for Millwall, it was on a part-time basis. I studied three days a week, and trained on the other two. A situation like that obviously posed problems, but I felt if I came through my engineering exams successfully, and the club took me on as a full-time pro, I could concentrate on making the grade in League soccer.

"Knowing I have another job to fall back on should I fail, certainly rids me of a lot of the pressure that affects young players coming into the game with no other career to rely on if things go wrong for them.

"I also believe football not being absolutely vital to me, will help me to progress in the game. Having another string to my bow doesn't make me any less dedicated to being a successful goalkeeper with Millwall.

"I owe this club such a lot, not only for giving me a break after I'd been turned down by both my

football life so far.

"I've always been on the quiet, reserved side, happy to be part of the background scenery, but being among these Millwall lads, some of them Cockneys — and they're out on their own as mickey-takers — I've learned to give as good as I get.

"I became more assertive, more confident, both in the dressing-room and out on the park, and my game has improved.

"There is a terrific atmosphere at The Den now, and it's all down to Mr. Petchey, our manager.

"It wasn't a season to remember, for any of us, although, from a personal viewpoint, I was quite pleased with my own progress. But there's a lot to learn about this goalkeeping job, and I only hope I can continue to justify the confidence Mr. Petchey, and the lads seem to have in me."

Petchey has called his bright youngster "the best 'keeper in the Second Division," and surely, as he said it, he must have been listening for the grinding of teeth at Ashton Gate and Eastville!



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

The British Championship was played recently. Can you answer the following five questions about the tournament?

1. England kicked-off against Wales. (a) Was the game played at Ninian Park, Cardiff, or the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, and (b) England won 3-1... who scored their goals?
2. On the same day Scotland drew 1-1 with Northern Ireland at Hampden Park. (a) Did Alan Rough or Jim Blyth (right) play in goal for the Scots and (b) Pat Jennings or Jim Platt do likewise for N. Ireland?
3. Was the attendance for the Scotland v. Wales game at Hampden Park around 50,000, 60,000 or 70,000?
4. England and Northern Ireland met at Wembley on the Tuesday or Wednesday of the week after the opening games?
5. How did the final table finish?
6. Howard Goddard, Colin Tarrt, Tommy Tynan and Mike Rogan were voted Player of the Year by their respective clubs. Who played for (a) Sheffield Wednesday, (b) Stockport County, (c) Newport County and (d) Chesterfield?
7. Can you name the Fourth Division player who recently played at Wembley?
8. Kilmarnock goalkeeper Jim Stewart was transferred recently for around £110,000 to which English First Division club?
9. Stan Bowles (above, right) hit the headlines in May when he was suspended for a fortnight by Queens Park Rangers. Why?



10. Who said the following quotes that appeared in SHOOT, issue dated May 27th?
(a) "I've never played right up-front but if I were asked to operate as a forward, I would be quite ready to give it a go. Up to last season, I had never been a regular scorer, although I've always loved to get goals, even if I generally missed them after moving into a scoring position."
(b) "With luck things might go even higher next term. It's a long time since there was any European football in this city and I'm sure the fans are looking forward to watching the kind of teams they normally see on TV or read about in the papers."
(c) "It is certainly a disadvantage for all the European teams. On the other hand, June is a cool month in Argentina, and that is an advantage for us."

11. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the home ground of one of Britain's top clubs... FNDE-ALI ARDO (OOVLLREIP).

12. Frank McGarvey, Billy McColl and Ally McLeod finished last season as their club's top goalscorers. Who plays for (a) Hibernian, (b) St. Mirren and (c) Clydebank?

13. Port Vale, Portsmouth or Plymouth Argyle manager Bobby Smith took over as boss of Shrewsbury Town, Southport or Swindon Town?

14. Non-League Blyth Spartans gained their revenge when they beat Wrexham 2-1, 3-2 or 4-3 on aggregate in the Debenham Cup Final?

15. Barnsley approached a former England striker recently to become their player-manager. Who was he?

ANSWERS

1. (a) Ninian Park, (b) Bob Latchford, Tony Currie, Peter Barnes, 2. (a) Alan Rough, (b) Jim Platt, 3. 70,000, 4. Tuesday, 5. England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, 6. (a) Tommy Tynan, (b) Mike Rogan, (c) Howard Goddard, (d) Colin Tarrt, 7. Peter Scott (York City) for Northern Ireland, 8. Middlesbrough, 9. He refused to go on their tour to Cyprus, 10. (a) Sun-brought, 11. Antfield Road, Liverpool, 12. (a) Ally McLeod, (b) Billy Frank McGarvey, (c) Billy McColl, 13. Port Vale and Swindon, 14. 3-2, 15. Leeds Allan Clarke.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS: (2) Gigg, (5) Free, (6) Comb, (8) Ally, (10) Carol, (12) Whoa, (14) Via, (16) East End Park, (20) Draw, (21) Goal, (22) Rioch, (24) Menu, (26) Eel, (27) Lamp, (28) Or, (29) Tom, (30) On, (31) Stood, (32) Trek.

DOWN: (1) Eric, (2) Gear, (3) Gillingham, (4) Rochdale, (7) Blackburn, (9) Love, (11) Assail, (13) Bed, (15) Adu, (17) Arrest, (18) Two, (19) Pamper, (23) Clod, (25) Nook, (29) To.

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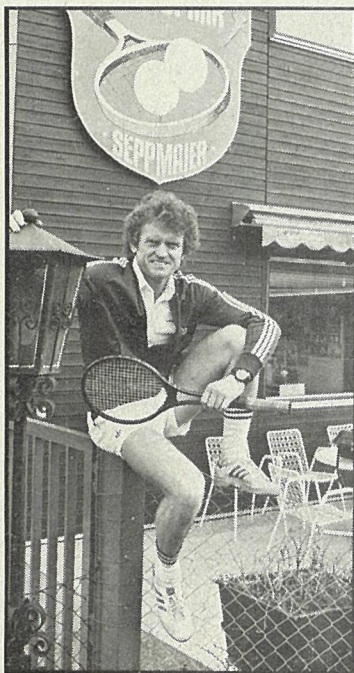
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400 CLUB

WEST Germany's Bundesliga has eight players who have made more than 400 appearances. The list is headed by Bayern Munich goalkeeper Sepp Maier on 437 (406 in a row), followed by: Horst Hottges (Werder Bremen, 421), Heinz Simmet (Cologne, 417), Berti Vogts (Borussia, 411), Wolfgang Overath (Cologne, 409, now retired), Gerd Müller (Bayern, 406), Michael Bella (Duisburg, 402), and Klaus Zaczyk (HSV, 400). Zaczyk is the only player to have played in the Bundesliga from its very first match 15 years ago.

● Sepp Maier outside his new tennis club.



SOME facts and figures about the 1977/78 West German Bundesliga.

- 1.FC Cologne's Double was the second in the Bundesliga. Previous Double winners: Bayern in 1969.
- Bayern Munich haven't won an away match since 27th November, 1976!
- A total of 7,989,803 saw the Bundesliga games, an average of 26,109. This is a record.
- VfB Stuttgart were the best-supported with a home average of 53,567. The worst were St. Pauli with 12,420.
- Highest attendance was 86,883 at Hertha Berlin/1.FC Cologne.
- Lowest: St. Pauli/Duisburg — 3,176.
- Dieter Müller (Cologne) and Gerd Müller (Bayern) were joint-top scorers with 24 each. This is the seventh time Gerd had led the way.

BIG BONUSES AT THE TOP...

SPANISH club Sporting Gijón are surprise qualifiers for next year's U.E.F.A. Cup only a season after being promoted from the Second Division. The side's success has meant a new contract for manager Vicente Miera — £40,000 a year, plus £700 a month, plus double the bonuses paid to the players, plus £7,000 if Gijón qualify again for a European competition. Oh, and the club's also bought him a house.

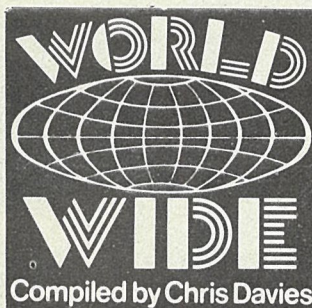
Well, it'll keep him off the National Assistance!

...AND BOTTOM!

A lot of money changed hands on the last day of the Spanish season, with five clubs trying to avoid accompanying Cádiz and Elche into the Second Division.

The players of Salamanca received a £10,000 share-out after beating Español 1-0 to put the Barcelona club within a whisker of relegation, but the biggest bonus of the day was the £7,000 a man offered to Sporting Gijón if they could beat Santander.

In the end, Santander saved themselves with a 1-0 win, and it was Seville club Betis who were relegated despite beating Real Sociedad 1-0.



AN unexpected guest caused a game in Tanzania to be abandoned. The match, between Igagala Ujamaa Village and Kaliua Combined was called-off after just 15 minutes when a hyena emerged from a nearby bush and went on to the field.

Players, referees and spectators fled for safety. Three brave men, including the ref who came back, caught the beast and took it to the nearby Kaliua Game Station.

SWEDEN recently beat East Germany 1-0 in Leipzig, where Scotland failed by the same score. This reverse was the D.D.R.'s first defeat at home in four years.



On strike — or injured?

SOUTH American Champions Boca Juniors (pictured here) seem to have had nothing but problems so far this season. Now, Argentinian international defender Pernía and right-winger Mastrángelo have decided to go on strike. Both say the terms offered by the club are unacceptable, though manager Juan Carlos Lorenzo has tried to cover up the affair by claiming that both players are injured.

NORTH Shore F.C. are the new Champions of New Zealand and the result of the Cup Final there is enough to make Napoleon turn in his tomb in Paris: Nelson United 1 Mount Wellington 0.

MORE violence in Mexico, where a fan raced on to the pitch during the León-Unión de Curtidores match and laid out the referee with a tremendous uppercut. And during the Second Division promotion battle between Irapuato and Zacatepec, the home fans became so incensed they showered the pitch with missiles, and a linesman had to be rushed to hospital after being hit full in the face by a bottle. After the home side's 0-1 defeat, they also set fire to the visiting team's bus.

PERU manager Marcos Calderón was a disappointed man after making the long trip from Lima to Verona to spy on his "Scottish World Cup opponents." No one had told him it was actually the Scottish League team that was playing!

BORUSSIA'S CASH

BORUSSIA Mönchengladbach have revealed that 1976/77 was a record for them financially. Their income was almost £3 million:

LEAGUE INCOME	£760,000
EUROPEAN CUP	£930,000
EUROPEAN CUP FINAL	£45,000
FRIENDLIES	£157,000
T.V. RIGHTS & ADVERTS	£350,000
TRANSFERS	£534,000

TOTAL.....£2,776,000

MEXICO striker Hugo Sanchez claims to have 102 international caps — and he's only 19! Mind you, most of Sanchez's total comes from matches with Mexico's Youth and Olympic teams.

SWEDEN goalkeeper Ronnie Hellström turned down the offer of a three-year three million dollars contract with the Cosmos. He's happy with 1.FC Kaiserslautern in West Germany.

ENGLISH REFS LEAD WORLD CUP LIST

WITH so many fears of a rough World Cup, much will rest upon the performances of the 32 referees chosen by F.I.F.A. There are 16 refs from the Finalists and 16 from non-participants.

It's interesting to note no South American has ever refereed the World Cup Final; all ten whistlers have been European with three Englishmen — George Reader (1950), W. Ling (1954) and Jack Taylor (1974). No other country has such a fine record.

Looking through the current list, the most experienced ref is Uruguay's Ramon Barreto Ruiz with 45 internationals. The oldest ref is Anatoli Ivanov of the U.S.S.R. (50) — yet he's refereed only three full internationals. In terms of being on the F.I.F.A. international list the longest, the most experienced official is Argentina's Angel Norberto Coerezza, who was appointed in 1963; he's now 44.



Bobby Moore has parted company with Danish Club Herning (he's seen here in their colours) after just ten games. Moore was being paid around £800 per match, including air fares, and on gates of 1,500 Herning simply can't afford to keep the former England captain.



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